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### MTA New York City Transit Announces New Platform Limits at Bleecker Street

MTA New York City Transit announces the opening of new platform limits to the northbound IRT platform at Bleecker Street as part of the Broadway/Lafayette-to-Bleecker Street transfer connection. The new platform has been extended approximately 300 feet southward to connect to the IND platform. It was placed into service this morning at 5 a.m. Monday, March 26. At the same time, the 300 feet of the northern portion of the platform will be closed off to the public.

This mega project consists of three projects which include the rehabilitation of the historic landmarked Bleecker Street station on the No. 6 line, construction of a free transfer connection between the IND Broadway/Lafayette (BDFM) station and the uptown No. 6 platform, and the installation of five ADA elevators and other accessibility components to bring the entire complex into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines. Installation of a new escalator is included in the work as part of the transfer connection.

This \$135 million project began in the summer of 2008 and is scheduled for completion by the end of June 2012.