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MTA Awards Contract to Repair and Harden the South Ferry 1 Station

Station Submerged in 15 Million Gallons of Water and Extensively Damaged as a Result of Superstorm Sandy

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has awarded a \$193.8 million contract to Judlau Contracting, Inc., to rehabilitate the new South Ferry station and include elements that would protect the station from flooding in the event of future damaging storms.

MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) had previously awarded a contract and work has been completed to remove all damaged finishes and equipment from the South Ferry station. NYC Transit has also implemented interim measures to protect the station from a storm surge, including emergency egress bulkheads at station entrances.

In October 2012, Superstorm Sandy sent 15 million gallons of salt water into the new South Ferry station, destroying all electrical and mechanical systems and components and filling the entire structure from the track level to the mezzanine, a depth of 80 feet. The flood water, a mix of seawater, sewage, and debris, caused extensive damage to the station and critical equipment.

"While the old South Ferry Station has been brought back into operation as a temporary replacement, it is obsolete and is not ADA compliant," said MTA Chairman and CEO Thomas F. Prendergast. "Reopening the new South Ferry station complex and protecting it against future storms is an MTA priority. It will improve access to Lower Manhattan for thousands of customers and is part of our commitment to 'Build Back Better.'"

The 31-month contract awarded November 26 includes leak mitigation, replacement of track, mechanical, electrical, signal, and communications equipment, as well as ceiling and wall panels and other damaged assets. Other work to be performed under this contract consists of:

- architectural finishes; civil work; structural steel work;
- HVAC work; new ventilation system;
- new pumping equipment;
- refurbishment of two elevators and five escalators;
- fire protection;
- new traction power system and;
- miscellaneous electrical work at two circuit breaker houses and a ventilation plant.

The project will incorporate strategies to protect NYCT's property, equipment and employees from future flooding. Resiliency measures will protect components of the underground station, including electrical and traction power equipment, mechanical systems, plumbing fixtures, communications equipment, and instrumentation/control devices and will include retractable flood doors at the station entrances. Other entry points for water such as vents, manholes and hatches, conduits, and ducts will also be hardened.

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