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Hunts Point Av 6 Station Becomes the 84th Fully ADA Accessible Subway Station

\$17.8 Million Project Provides Another Option for Disabled Community in the Bronx

MTA New York City Transit has completed a vital project that now provides customers with full ADA accessibility to the Hunts Point Av  station. Customers can now use three new ADA-accessible elevators to reach the platforms from the street level to both northbound and southbound platforms. The elevators went into service today and make the Hunts Point Av  station the 11th ADA Key Station in the Bronx and the 84th ADA Key Station system-wide.

The \$17.8 million project, funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), was awarded to contractor Oliveira Contracting, Inc., a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) firm with work beginning in February 2012. One elevator located within Monsignor Raul Del Valle Square Park connects the street and the station's mezzanine. The other two elevators connect the mezzanine with both the Manhattan and Pelham Bay Park-bound platforms. Additional work included the reconstruction of platform edges, the installation of new ADA boarding areas with tactile warning strips and signage, and reconfiguring the control area to meet all ADA requirements. This involved the installation of an ADA accessible gate and new ADA hand railings along platform stairs. Help Point intercoms will also be installed in the near future.

The street elevator is located within the confines of Monsignor Raul Del Valle Square Park, which is NYC Parks Department property. However as part of the project, NYC Transit also restored the park's plaza and grounds including brick pavers, and plaza steps to go with the addition of an ADA access ramp.

"In the last several years, we have worked hard to make our transit system increasingly accessible to members of our community who have disabilities," said New York Transit President Carmen Bianco. "These elevators will provide a host of new travel options for customers with limited mobility and will improve customers' experience around this vital transit corridor in the Bronx."

"We are thrilled to see the MTA continue its capital upgrades in our borough. The Hunts Point Avenue station is a critical component to the Bronx's mass transit system, and these repairs and improvements will make this station accessible to all who need it," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

"I am very pleased that the elevators at the Hunts Point station are finally available for everyone to use," said State Senator Ruben Diaz. "Thank you MTA for all your hard work."

"Today is a great day for Hunts Point residents and the thousands of Bronxites who commute daily through this very important transportation hub. The Hunts Point station continues to be one of the busiest stations in our transit system, and today's announcement marks an important milestone in improving the lives of community residents and riders," said Assembly Member Marcos A. Crespo. "In particular, our elderly, the disabled, parents with carriages and others will no longer have to struggle to enter or exit the transit system with the installation of these long anticipated ADA compatible elevators. I am proud to join President Carmen Bianco of New York City Transit, elected colleagues and community leaders who have long advocated for these improvements."

First opened in 1919, the Hunts Point Av  station has an average weekday ridership of 10, 144, the ninth busiest out of the 68 stations in the Bronx.

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ADA elevator at Hunters Point Av station