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### MTA Begins Training Staff to Operate Trains to New 7 Line Extension

#### *Video of Early Training Run Available For Download*

MTA New York City Transit has started training tower operators, train dispatchers and train operators how to safely route and operate trains to and from the new 34 St-Hudson Yards station, one of the last steps as the MTA prepares to open the newly constructed [7](#) Line Extension later this summer. Video of an early training run is available for download at <https://youtu.be/gZ6L4RcHzQU>.

Two-day training courses for tower operators and dispatchers began May 26 and will continue through June 4. Tower operators are responsible manipulating signals and switches to safely route trains, and dispatchers oversee train crews as well as the movement and even spacing of trains along a route.

MTA New York City Transit began training train operators May 28 and will continue during the morning and afternoon shifts for several weeks to come. In all, 12 tower operators, 8 dispatchers, and as many as 672 train operators will be trained on the [7](#) Line Extension by the end of June.

"Providing this training for our subway personnel is one of the last steps toward opening the [7](#) Line Extension for revenue service," said MTA New York City Transit President Carmen Bianco. "The [7](#) Line Extension will open up the far West Side to mass transit for the first time, and the new station and additional tail tracks for train storage will also improve service for customers using the line in Queens and Manhattan."

"We are in the final 50-yard sprint of this project," said MTA Capital Construction Company President Michael Horodniceanu. "We expect to announce an opening date in the next several weeks."

Work to open the [7](#) Line Extension for revenue service continues to progress well. Integrated testing of communications systems and the mobile radio system has been completed, and testing of other communications systems and the fire alarm system is progressing according to schedule.

Work is also continuing at the station's secondary entrance on Eleventh Avenue between 34th and 35th streets, which is approximately 45% complete. Waterproofing and preparation for caisson work is ongoing at the shaft area. This entrance is not required for the [7](#) Line Extension to begin revenue service, but will serve thousands of projected customers in coming years as the Hudson Yards area continues to develop.