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### Zerega Av and Buhre Av 6 Stations To Reopen After Renewal Project

#### *Work Included New Steel Structures, Stair Repairs & Track Bed Replacement*

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has substantially completed the Zerega Av and Buhre Av  station rehabilitations, which were part of a five-station renewal project on the Pelham Line. The two subway stations will reopen for service in both directions at 5 a.m. on Monday, April 27.

Renewal work at the Zerega Av and Buhre Av stations, which first opened for service in 1920, began in July 2014 and included the installation of new structural steel. The stations' steel structures that were in place had deteriorated beyond repair. Other work included repairing mezzanine, street and platform stairs; replacing platform and street canopy roofs and track beds; installing bird deterrent systems and ADA equipment such as new platform edges, tactile warning strips and boarding areas; painting; and amenities such as new artwork commissioned by MTA Arts & Design.

"The Zerega and Buhre Avenue stations are on elevated tracks and have open-air platforms that have been exposed to the weather every day, every hour, for nearly 100 years," said New York City Transit President Carmen Bianco. "The renewal work at these stations is necessary to improve our customers' experience and help us better serve them, and we hope that our customers enjoy these new upgrades."

At Zerega Av, large colorful glass mosaic and hand-formed porcelain panels have been installed on the platform level. "Garden of Earthly Delights," by James Arredondo, depicts the four seasons through images of flowers such as crocuses, marigolds, daisies, pansies, morning glories and roses. Arredondo sought to bring a pastoral element to the urban Bronx environment through the colors and fanciful imagery of his floral mosaics.

A glass mosaic depicting geometric shapes enlivens the platform level at Buhre Av by taking advantage of the bright natural light of the open-air station platforms. Soonae Tark's "Have a Happy Day" contrasts rigid lines and square shapes with others formed by curves and circular motifs.

The other three Pelham Line stations that were part of the renewal project were Castle Hill Av, Middletown Rd and Pelham Bay Park. Castle Hill Av and Middletown Rd reopened in May 2014, while Pelham Bay Park remains open during its renewal work that continues into the summer.

Some minor work in the electrical rooms and staff quarters remains at the Zerega and Buhre Avs stations. Help Point Intercoms will also be installed in the coming weeks. Once the project is completely finished, MTA personnel will join local elected officials and stakeholders for a ribbon cutting to commemorate the re-opening of the two stations.