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### Final Phase of 104 St and 88 St A Line Station Renewals Completed

#### *Manhattan-bound Stations Re-open After Four Months of Work*

Beginning at 5:00 a.m., Monday, February 2, [A](#) Line customers will once again have access to the Manhattan-bound sides of the 104 St and 88 St stations along the Liberty Avenue Line in Queens. The five-month station renewal project is part of a major \$39 million capital project that will see the complete renewal of five stations along the Liberty Avenue [A](#) Line.

On May 12, 2014, the Queens-bound sides of the 104 St and 88 St stations were the first two platforms to close for renewal work. This work was successfully completed on September 29, and work began on the Manhattan-bound platforms on October 13, 2014. During the closures, customers were able to take advantage of free shuttle bus service to nearby open stations.

“For these stations, originally opened in the early 1900’s, these improvements will create significantly better conditions for our customers,” said NYC Transit President Carmen Bianco. “We appreciate the community’s patience and understanding while we carried out this important work.”

Improvements at both the 104 St and 88 St stations include repairs to staircases, mezzanine floors, doors, windows, and interior and exterior walls. Each station was painted and canopies, windscreen panels and railings were replaced. In addition, structural steel repairs were made to the girders supporting the subway platforms at both stations, as well as ADA improvements which consisted of repairs to the tactile warning strips at the platform’s edge. Aside from the component improvements, customers will also benefit from new lighting in the mezzanine and artwork to be installed at the completion of construction.

MTA Arts & Design commissioned five artists to create durable, vibrant metal artwork for installation in the platform windscreens at the five Liberty Line stations. At 104 St, “*On the Right Track*” by artist Beatrice Coron features 24 cut stainless steel panels with hand-soldering. Representing a giant deck of 24 playing cards, each image reveals an upbeat mood that passengers may choose to adopt for the day. Hareh Lalvani created “*MORPHING88*,” consisting of 24 stainless steel sculptural panels. Inspired by the geography of the distance and angles of the streets located adjacent to the 88 St station, each panel is unique with patterns generated through the use of an algorithm and a mathematical formula.

Following the successful completion of the 104 St and 88 St stations, the next station scheduled for renewal along the Liberty Line is Rockaway Blvd. In keeping with our goal to inconvenience customers as little as possible, the Far Rockaway/Lefferts Blvd-bound platform of the Rockaway Blvd station is slated to close for approximately 14 weeks, between February 2015 and May 2015 for renewal work. During this period, Far Rockaway/Lefferts Blvd-bound [A](#) service will skip Rockaway Blvd.

Service notices will be posted in all stations along the Liberty Avenue line prior to the commencement of work and announcements will be made on trains. The construction contracts were awarded in December 2013 as a joint venture to Forte Construction Corp and Emis Construction Group.

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