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### MTA Opens New Elevator at 8 Av for Northbound Access to Improve Accessibility in Southern Brooklyn











*Photos from the Elevator Opening are Available [Here](#)*

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today opened a new elevator for northbound  service at the 8 Av station that will ease mobility for thousands of customers in southern Brooklyn.

"I'm very pleased that our Brooklyn customers heading to Manhattan and Queens now have a new point of accessibility at 8 Av," said MTA NYC Transit President Andy Byford. "My team is pushing ahead with our Fast Forward plan to bring on more accessibility projects as quickly as possible and look forward to returning to this station when we install the elevator for the southbound platform."

"This is another significant step toward making the subway system in Brooklyn more accessible," said Alex Elegudin, NYC Transit's Senior Advisor for Systemwide Accessibility. "Every additional accessibility project means that more customers can transfer between our accessible buses and the subway, giving this area even more transit alternatives."

The elevator at the 8 Av station opened for service to the northbound platform, which is the peak direction of service during the station's busiest times of the day, and another new elevator will be installed for access to the southbound platform next year. Once installed, the new elevators at the station will benefit more than 11,400 customers daily, particularly those with limited mobility or those with luggage or strollers who transfer between NYC Transit's fully accessible buses and the subway in this area.

Other accessibility projects in Brooklyn currently in progress or recently completed include a major intermodal station improvement project at Canarsie-Rockaway Pkwy , and improvements at New Utrecht Av-62 St  , Greenpoint Av , 86 St , Eastern Pkwy-Brooklyn Museum  , Bedford Av , 59 St  and 95 St .

Accelerating accessibility is one of NYC Transit's top priorities, which established the five-year goal of making enough subway stations fully accessible so that customers would be no farther than two stops from an accessible station. The proposed 2020-2024 MTA Capital Plan includes a historic investment of \$5.2 billion to make 70 subway stations ADA accessible, and \$4.1 billion for repairs at 175 stations, and the replacement of 78 elevators and 65 escalators. These goals were made with input from advocates, elected officials and customers throughout the service region, and details of the project in the proposed capital plan are available here: <https://New.mta.info/2020CapitalProgram>.