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## **PROPOSED NYC TRANSIT CONTRACTS**

While surfing the Internet, we found a list of NYC Transit contracts to be advertised and proposals to be solicited. The following are of interest to our readers:

**REHABILITATE B. 116<sup>TH</sup> STREET STATION:** At this station on the Rockaway Line, NYC Transit expects to rehabilitate the entire station and control house. Work includes providing new lighting and replacing the roof on the control house, rehabilitating the public toilets, and removing loose and peeling paint from the walls and ceiling in the control house and on the platform. The agent's booth will be refurbished and new ADA-compliant entrance doors and ramp will be built.

**REHABILITATE MOSHOLU PARKWAY STATION:** The scope of the work includes the following: The contractor will upgrade the electrical service, communications, and lighting systems as required. New fully equipped agent's booths and fare arrays will be provided as needed. Structural deficiencies throughout the station will be repaired, and architectural treatments to the customer areas will be pro-

vided. The contractor will meet the progressive accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**REHABILITATE AND EXPAND METROPOLITAN AVENUE CONTROL HOUSE—MYRTLE AVENUE LINE:** NYC Transit expects to rehabilitate and expand this control house. The 1,500 square foot area will be reconfigured and a compatible 600 square foot building will be added. Work will be scheduled so that the station will be open during reconstruction. Work includes all demolition, architectural, civil/structural, mechanical/hydraulic, electrical, and communications elements.

**REHABILITATE YARD HYDRANT SYSTEMS:** Yard hydrant systems will be rehabilitated at the following yards: Jamaica, 38<sup>th</sup> Street, E. 180<sup>th</sup> Street, Westchester, 239<sup>th</sup> Street, Coney Island, and 207<sup>th</sup> Street. At some yards, complete new systems — valves, piping, and hydrants — will be installed. At other yards, systems will be upgraded by installing new hydrants.

## **THE FORGOTTEN CENTENNIALS**

The centennial of the opening of New York's first subway, October 27, 2004, was observed with exhibits in museums and libraries, and by operating vintage subway and elevated trains.

Quietly forgotten were the centennials of three extensions that were placed in service less than a month after New York's first subway started running. Service was extended

to 157<sup>th</sup> Street-Broadway on November 12, 1904, and trains started operating to 145<sup>th</sup> Street-Lenox Avenue on November 23, 1904. Three days later, Second or Third Avenue elevated trains provided service on the Westchester Avenue elevated extension from 149<sup>th</sup> Street-Third Avenue to a temporary terminal at 181<sup>st</sup> Street-Boston Road.