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Long Island Rail Road MP54s and MP41s at the Stone Avenue (now Mother Gaston Boulevard) portal, west of the East New York station, taken around 1908 by Hal B. Fullerton (1857-1935).

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NYCT'S ENHANCED STATION INITIATIVE (ESI) PROGRAM COMPLETED

by Jeffrey Erlitz
(Photographs by Sunny Zheng)

As of January 28, 2019, MTA New York City Transit has completed the rehabilitation of all 19 stations under the Enhanced Station Initiative project. This \$936 million project was originally supposed to renovate 32 stations, but the other 13 stations were deferred to the 2020-4 Capital Program due to budget concerns.

ESI work included cellular service, Wi-Fi, charging stations, interactive service advisories and maps, improved signage, strip maps for the subway routes, subway countdown clocks, service alerts, On-The-Go Informational Dashboards, neighborhood maps, new art, and improved station lighting. Cables and conduits were decluttered, simplifying the stations' wiring. The stations also included glass barriers near fare control areas (rather than the metal fences that separate the paid and unpaid areas of the stations), as well as new tiled floors that are easy to clean. Concrete repairs, new platform edges, waterproofing, most tile patching, and structural steel repairs got the stations into states of good repair. Passenger amenities included next-train countdown clocks and neighborhood wayfinding maps at the exterior of each entrance; digital maps, MetroCard vending machines, and station agent booths situated in a central location in the mezzanine; and digital next-train information and service change notices at platform level.

The complete list of stations that were actually completed, in order of closure, is as follows:

Station	Closed	Reopened
53 St N R	3/27/2017	9/8/2017
Bay Ridge Av R	5/1/2017	10/13/2017
Prospect Av R	6/5/2017	11/2/2017
30 Av N W	10/23/2017	6/22/2018
36 Av N W	10/23/2017	6/22/2018
163 St-Amsterdam Av C	3/12/2018	9/27/2018
Cathedral Pkwy (110 St) B C	4/9/2018	9/2/2018
72 St B C	5/7/2018	10/4/2018
86 St B C	6/4/2018	10/25/2018
39 Av N W	7/2/2018	1/28/2019
Broadway N W	7/2/2018	1/24/2019
57 St F	7/9/2018	12/19/2018
28 St G	7/16/2018	1/14/2019
23 St F M	7/23/2018	11/29/2018
145 St S	7/23/2018	11/28/2018
174-175 St B D	8/13/2018	12/27/2018
167 St B D	8/27/2018	1/9/2019
34 St-Penn Station A C E	n/a	n/a
Richmond Valley	n/a	n/a

In the case of 39 Av **N W**, when the station reopened, it was also officially renamed 39 Av-Dutch Kills, a nod to the historic name of the surrounding neighborhood. The last two stations on this list, 34 St-Penn Station **A C E** and the Richmond Valley station on the Staten Island Railway, were not closed

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