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Second Avenue Elevated,
looking north from 34th
Street in about 1937, pho-
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R-42S MAKE THEIR FINAL, FINAL RUN



The R-42s are seen at Hammels Wye on the last trip northbound from Far Rockaway-Mott Av to Inwood-207 St.

Marc A. Hermann photograph

MTA New York City Transit retired the last remaining R-42 subway cars from service today, ending a 51-year run. The cars have been used on two dozen lines, each traveling more than seven million miles. They had a memorable role in an iconic car-vs.-train chase in the classic 1971 film *French Connection*.

The final run followed a send-off ceremony at the New York Transit Museum, and was scheduled to proceed through a final trip on the **A** line from Euclid Av to Far Rockaway to 207 St, before returning to Euclid Av to close its doors for the last time. Subway en-

thusiasts joined MTA Chairman and CEO Patrick J. Foye and NYC Transit President Andy Byford riding the last R-42 in passenger service.

"These cars have served the MTA well as a reliable fleet over the last 50 years," said Sally Librera, Senior Vice President, Department of Subways for New York City Transit. "As technology advances, we're looking to modernize our fleet of subway cars to best serve New Yorkers."

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