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Major Increase in the Number of Accessible Subway Stations Announced

On June 22 it was announced that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and accessibility advocates reached a class action settlement agreement.

The agreement will resolve two class action lawsuits (Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York, et al. v. Metropolitan Transportation Authority, et al. and De La Rosa et al. v. Metropolitan Transportation Authority et al.), and is subject to court approval, a notice period where class members will have the opportunity to comment, and a fairness hearing. Under the terms of the agreement, the MTA will add elevators or ramps to create a stair-free path of travel at 95 percent of the currently inaccessible subway stations by 2055.

Accessibility projects at 15 subway stations across four boroughs have been completed since 2020, all while the MTA was dealing with a dire financial crisis brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Contracts have been awarded for another 22 stations and an additional 13 station projects are

in procurement.

As part of the agreement reached with accessibility advocates, the MTA has committed, subject to extensions of time based on funding commitment caps and other contingencies, to procure contracts to make accessible 81 stations by 2025, another 85 stations by 2035, another 90 stations by 2045, and the last 90 stations by 2055.

Of the 493 stations in the transit system – 472 subway stations and 21 Staten Island Railway (SIR) stations – 131 are fully accessible to passengers with disabilities, via elevators and ramps, including five SIR stations.

The following stations are funded for upgrades under the current capital plan:

- 8 Av N
- Tremont Av B D
- 149 St-Grand Concourse 2 4 5
- 6 Av L
- 14 St F M 1 2 3
- Woodhaven Blvd M R
- Westchester Sq-East Tremont Av 6
- Queensboro Plaza N W 7
- Court Sq G
- 68 St-Hunter College 6

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