



# BULLETIN

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## First R-211T Delivered R-211 Option Ordered

The first five R-211T cars have been delivered to the Transit Authority. Cars 4041, 4042 and 4043 arrived on November 1 and cars 4040 and 4044 arrived the following day.

The R-211Ts are the cars with the open gangways between them. Specifically meant as a test train, they will be evaluated to see if the use of open gangways works well enough for New York. The five other cars needed to make a full-length ten-car test train should arrive soon.

Overnight from November 2 to 3, the set was transferred to the Main Shop at Coney Island Yard. There, the equipment for the gangway enclosures were installed. Testing will probably start shortly, initially in non-revenue service.

In other R-211 news, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board's New York City Transit Committee approved on October 24 an order for 640 more R-211 cars, authorizing the full MTA Board to consider the order at their meeting on October 26. The cars will be manufactured by Kawasaki Rail Car, Inc., at its facilities in Lincoln, Nebraska and Yonkers, New York. The

state-of-the-art Lincoln facility will manufacture the car body structure and install interior equipment, while final assembly and function testing will be performed at the Lincoln and Yonkers facilities.

Qualification testing on the R211s already delivered is underway with passenger service expected by the spring.

The option, an addition to the base order of 535 cars awarded in 2018, would bring the total number of R-211 cars ordered to 1,175, including 75 Staten Island rail cars and 20 cars that feature open gangways.

The R-211s are initially planned for the **A** and **C** lines and the Staten Island Railway. They feature 58-inch-wide door openings that are eight inches wider than standard door openings on existing cars. The wider doorways are designed to speed up boarding and reduce the amount of time trains sit in stations.

The cars also include security cameras, digital displays that will provide information about service and stations, and brighter lighting and signage, slicker bonnet design, among other features.

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