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FIRST FIVE R-211 CARS DELIVERED! by Jeff Erlitz



Andrew Grahl photograph

The first five R-211 cars, 4060 and 4064 ("A" cars) and 4061-4062-4063 ("B" cars), were delivered to the South Brooklyn Railway in the early morning hours of Tuesday, June 29 and Wednesday, June 30. These cars had been delivered by truck from Kawasaki's plant in Lincoln, Nebraska. Unlike many recent car orders, these came delivered wrapped in protective tarps.

The cars were transferred from truck to track via a prefabricated ramp placed atop the South Brooklyn track located inside the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal between First and Second Avenues immediately north of 39th Street. This is the track that connects

the South Brooklyn to New York New Jersey Rail, operator of the trackage on First Avenue and in the old Bush Terminal Yard.

The MTA held a press conference on Thursday morning, July 1, to introduce the new subway cars to the public. After the press conference ended, two NYC Transit diesels, with a rider car in between, coupled up to the R-211 set (using a coupler adapter) and dragged them to Coney Island Yard. They will eventually make their way to Pitkin Yard, to be tested on the Subdivision "B" test track on the IND Rockaway Line north of Broad Channel.

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This Month's Cover Photo:

New York & North Shore
Traction #10 (John
Stephenson, 1907) at the
Mineola terminal in 1909.
Joseph Burt (1886-1971),
photographer, Port
Washington Public Library
collection.

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