
New York City Subway System

On October 27th, 1904 the Interborough Rapid Transit Company ran their first subway from City Hall to 145th Street at Broadway marking New York City's first official subway system. Its route followed today's 4-5-6 line from City Hall to Grand Central, then turned west and followed today's shuttle line. From there, the subway headed north at Times (Longacre) Square following the 1-2-3 lines to 145th Street and Broadway. The IRT operated the 9.1-mile long subway line which consisted of 28 stations throughout the city. The subway system was extended to the Bronx in 1905, to Brooklyn in 1908 and to Queens in 1915. The IRT ceased to function as a privately-held company on June 1st 1940, its properties and operations were acquired by the City of New York.

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