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New 7 train station at 11th Ave. finally opening in September: MTA

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A vintage No. 7 train pulls into the Shea Stadium stop in Queens for the MTA's celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Flushing line. Next month, the new 7 train station on Manhattan's west side will finally open.

One of the longest delays in the subway system will finally come to an end with the opening next month of the newest station on the No. 7 line, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority said Thursday.

After years of snags and slowdowns, the new 34th St.-Hudson Yards station — extending the line from its current terminus at Times Square to 11th Ave. on Manhattan's far west side — is set to debut Sunday, Sept. 13 at 1 p.m.

The first train run for paying passengers will arrive nearly two years after former Mayor Michael Bloomberg — whose administration largely financed the project — took his “inaugural” ride before leaving City Hall in December 2013.

“Happy to be near the finish line,” MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz said. “The 1.5 mile extension of the 7 Line to 34 St-11 Av will make it the only line south of 59 St to provide service west of Ninth Avenue.”

Since work began in 2007, the \$2.4 billion extension has been beset with problems with key communications, fire alarm, power and ventilation systems.

The new subway stop will serve the burgeoning far west side of Manhattan, where the 17 million-square-foot Hudson Yards retail and residential development is being built.

“I feel pretty confident that the 7 train extension is going to be heavily used almost immediately,” said Councilman Corey Johnson, who represents the area.