New "JFK Express" Service Begun in Howard Beach

Governor Hugh L. Carey and Mayor Edward I. Koch joined Metropolitan Transportation Authority Chairman Harold L. Fisher and other state, city and transportation officials for the beginning of the MTA's limited-stop, subway and bus service between John F. Kennedy International Airport and Manhattan's 57th Street Saturday, September 23rd.

They gathered at the subway station at 57th Street and the Avenue of the Americas, Manhattan, where the service originates, for the inaugural run of the modern, air-conditioned three-car express tram to Howard Beach-JFK station, where it links with a special bus service to the airport terminals.

The "JFK Express" will operate at 20-minute intervals from the 57th Street-Avenue of the Americas station and the Howard Beach-JFK Airport stop at the edge of the big airport. The service will operate seven days a week, every day of the year from both terminals between approximately 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.

At the Howard Beach-JFK Airport station passengers will use a 90-foot walkway, built by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, to reach waiting buses that will stop at all airline terminals. The total trip from midtown Manhattan will take about an hour, including transferring and loading time.

One-way fare for taking the train to the plan is $3.50. Outbound passengers pay $0.40 to enter a subway station and $3.00 to a conductor on board the subway car. Inbound riders do not pay anything for the bus ride from JFK airline terminals to Howard Beach-JFK Airport station, but pay the entire fare on board the train.

Following are the "JFK Express" subway station stops: 57th Street-Avenue of the Americas, West 4th Street-Washington Square-Avenue of the Americas, 42nd Street-Herald Square-Avenue of the Americas, 34th Street-Fifth Avenue, 47-50th Street-Rockefeller Center, 42nd Street-Avenue of the Americas, 47-50th Street Rockefeller Center, 43rd Street-Avenue of the Americas, 34th Street-Herald Square-Avenue of the Americas, West 4th Street-Washington Square Avenue to the Americas.