

# News

## South Ferry subway station ready, finally



The new South Ferry Terminal has a \$1.5 million installation by Brooklyn artists Mike and Doug Starn. Reflective glass tiles recall the trees in Battery Park, while a marble mosaic overlays maps of New York from 1640, 1860 and 1970.

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**In the wake of 9/11, the federal government put more than \$4 billion toward the economic recovery of Lower Manhattan. Seven years later, the first of the transit projects is finally nearing completion.**

The \$530 million South Ferry Terminal opens next month. It's under the old 1 subway station, which was

### Fulton St. hub will get shops

Another federally funded project, the overbudget Fulton Street Transit Center may end up getting its previously canceled stationhouse with retail shops. "In 2010, we're probably going to start the building," Horodniceanu said. What about the costly glass dome? "We have not yet made a decision on that."

built in 1905 and can only accommodate the first five cars of each train. The new ADA-compliant stop will not only allow today's full ten-car trains: "It's our first 21st century station," said MTA capital construction chief Michael Horodniceanu,

praising such innovations as a fire-alarm system that's connected to escalators and ventilation fans.

The first new station since 1989 will link the subway with buses and the Staten Island Ferry. Wide granite platforms will be "air-tem-

pered," keeping temperatures cool on the hottest days, and riders can transfer to the R/W lines. More trains can be accommodated than in the old station, cutting four to six minutes off the average 1 rider's trip.

"It's overdue," Horodniceanu said. The old station will be used for train storage.

Beneath Battery Park, workers discovered a fortification wall from the mid-1700s. Part of that wall is reconstructed at a station entrance.