

# NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM

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## **REVENUE REVIEW: 370 JAY STREET & THE MONEY ROOM**

*Wednesday, February 17 from 6:30 – 8:30pm*

Less than four blocks from the Transit Museum, above the Jay Street – MetroTech Station, stands 370 Jay Street, a 13-story white limestone building that for more than 50 years housed the headquarters of New York’s evolving transit agencies. From 1951 to 2006 subway and bus fares were processed there, in the Department of Revenue’s once-secret Money Room. The Money Room evolved as technology advanced: tokens were introduced in 1953, an innovative vacuum system helped speed up money processing at bus depots, and in the 1990s the MetroCard and Automated Fare Collection system brought revenue collection into the digital age. On Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, join long-time MTA employee and COO of Revenue Control Alan Putre and transit blogger Ben Kabak of [Second Avenue Sagas](#) for a look back at the fascinating history of this once-secret room.

Tickets are available at <http://bit.ly/RevenueReview> for \$10 (free for Museum members). Visit [www.mta.info/museum/programs](http://www.mta.info/museum/programs) for more information on Transit Museum programs and to purchase tickets.

**New York Transit Museum** programs explore the history, ingenuity, and inner workings of the transit system that is the lifeblood of our region. *AfterHours* at the Transit Museum provides an extended opportunity to explore the museum and features panels and programs with experts from the MTA, and the design, urban planning, and engineering fields – all set against the backdrop of the Museum’s 1936 decommissioned subway station.

*Revenue Review: 370 Jay Street & The Money Room* is presented in conjunction with the exhibit [The Secret Life of 370 Jay Street](#), now on view at the Transit Museum in Downtown Brooklyn.

### **ABOUT THE SECRET LIFE OF 370 JAY STREET:**

For more than 50 years, the 13-story white limestone building at 370 Jay Street housed the headquarters of New York’s transit agencies: first the Board of Transportation, then the Transit Authority, and finally New York City Transit. Behind its 420 perfectly uniform windows, a myriad of transit tasks took place at 370 Jay Street from a Lost and Found Department full of abandoned umbrellas to the secret money processing rooms. The New York Transit Museum’s exhibition *The Secret Life of 370 Jay Street* examines the quirky history of the building as well as its new life as the future home for New York University’s engineering and applied sciences

programs. For more information on hours, admission and directions, please visit:  
<http://web.mta.info/mta/museum/#general>.

**ABOUT NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM:**

The **New York Transit Museum**, one of the city's leading cultural institutions, is the largest museum in the United States devoted to urban public transportation history and one of the premier institutions of its kind in the world. The Museum explores the development of the greater New York metropolitan region through the presentation of exhibitions, tours, educational programs and workshops dealing with the cultural, social and technological history of public transportation. Since its inception more than a quarter century ago, the Museum – which is housed in a historic 1936 IND subway station in Downtown Brooklyn – has grown in scope and popularity. The **New York Transit Museum** operates a Gallery Annex in Grand Central Terminal that presents changing exhibitions. As custodian and interpreter of the region's extensive public transportation networks, the Museum strives to share through its public programs their rich and vibrant history with local, regional, and international audiences.

**What:** REVENUE REVIEW: 370 JAY STREET & THE MONEY ROOM

**When:** Wednesday, February 17, 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00)

**Where:** New York Transit Museum  
Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street

**Admission:** \$10/Free for Museum members

**Tickets:** <http://bit.ly/RevenueReview>  
Complimentary press passes available.

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