



Rapid Transit Challenge

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SIX NEW YORKERS TO BRING SUBWAY-RIDING RECORD HOME

After a 24-hour ride, the world record for riding the NYC Subway in the shortest time will once again belong to native New Yorkers

New York, NY – December 19, 2006 – On December 28, 2006, a team of six former classmates representing all five boroughs will embark on the *Rapid Transit Challenge*, an attempt to break the Guinness World Record™ for the fastest ride through the entire New York City Subway system on a single fare. The ride will start at the Rockaway Park station in Queens at 3:30 PM ET, and end at the 241st Street station in the Wakefield section of the Bronx between 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM ET on December 29th.

The current record time of 26 hours, 21 minutes, 8 seconds requires stopping at every station in the system. Although the rules provided by Guinness World Records™ allow exiting the system, the Rapid Transit Challenge will follow a New York City tradition of riding on a single fare and not leaving the “paid zone” of the subway during the attempt. Through an intense six-month planning effort, the team has created an optimized route that minimizes travel time while stopping at every station.

The inspiration for this record attempt began over ten years ago, when the six team members – Bill Amarosa, Michael Boyle, Brian Brockmeyer, Stefan Karpinski, Jason Laska and Andrew Weir – were classmates at Regis High School in New York City.

Using the subway, each of them commuted to school an average of one hour each way from Queens, Staten Island, Brooklyn, Manhattan, The Bronx and New Jersey, respectively. Although they talked about the record attempt during high school, serious preparation began after reminiscing at their ten-year reunion in June 2006. A successful ride will once again restore the record to native New Yorkers.

This record attempt is separate and distinct from the record set on August 23-24, 2006. That ride, which took 24 hours, 2 minutes, counts multi-station complexes as one (there are 424 in the system) and also allows skipping stations by using express trains. The Rapid Transit Challenge always intended to follow the more time-consuming rules that count each station in a complex as one (there are 468 in the system) and requires riding local trains that stop at every station.

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