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A. 72nd Street Control House
   W. 72nd Street and Broadway, Manhattan
   New York (036), New York County (061)
   19th Congressional District

B. Battery Park Control House
   State Street and Battery Place, Manhattan
   New York (036), New York County (061)
   17th Congressional District

C. Mott Avenue Control House
   149th Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx
   New York (036), Bronx County (005)
   21st Congressional District

D. Atlantic Avenue Control House
   Flatbush and Atlantic Avenues, Brooklyn
   New York (036), Kings County (047)
   14th Congressional District
72nd Street (A), Battery Park (B), and Mott Ave. (C):
John D. Simpson, Executive Director
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
347 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Atlantic Avenue (D):
James F. Capalino, Commissioner
Department of General Services
1800 Municipal Building
New York, New York 10007
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72nd Street (A), Battery Park (B):
New York County Register's Office
31 Chambers Street
New York, New York

Mott Avenue (C):
Bronx County Courthouse
851 Grand Concourse
Bronx, New York

Atlantic Avenue (D):
Kings County Register's Office
Municipal Building, 210 Joralemon Street
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and glass doors and windows were installed. A glass roof replaced copper sheets, and the exterior was cleaned and repaired. A new railing was installed in the center of the interior stairway. The control house serves as the entrance to the Bowling Green Station.

The Mott Avenue Control House (C), completed in 1905, is no longer used as a station entrance. It is situated near the southwest corner of 149th Street and Grand Concourse in the Bronx and is finished on the street facade with Roman brick and limestone trim. Entrance was gained through a porch which extended beyond the building line. The porch was removed in 1918 when the Woodlawn branch of the IRT was completed.

The porch featured three large windows divided by pilasters on the front, and double entrance doors located on the sides. The building is finished at the top with a glazed terra-cotta cornice and a large name tablet of faience in three colors. The Mott Avenue Control House presently houses elevator machinery for the 149th Street subway station located below it. No important interior features remain.

Also no longer in use as a station entrance is the (D) Atlantic Avenue Control House (1908), at Atlantic and Flatbush Avenues in Brooklyn. The building is situated on a triangular traffic island similar to the one at 72nd and Broadway in Manhattan. The building itself is similar in appearance to the 72nd Street Control House, but has large shaped gable ends with the words "Atlantic Avenue" executed in terra-cotta. The building is presently used as a concession stand, and is surrounded by a modern steel structure. The gable ends and general building outline are still clearly visible. No important interior features remain.
A. The 72nd Street Control House occupies a traffic island on Broadway bounded by the southern curb line of West 72nd Street on the north, and by Broadway on the east, south, and west, and which is contiguous to Manhattan Tax Map Blocks 1143 and 1163. Central Park Quadrangle, N.Y., N.J.

B. The Battery Park Control House is situated near the northern edge of Battery Park on Manhattan Tax Map Block 3, Lot 1 in part. Jersey City Quadrangle, N.Y., N.J.

C. The Mott Avenue Control House occupies Borough of the Bronx Tax Map Block 2346, Lot 43 in part. Central Park Quadrangle N.Y., N.J.

D. The Atlantic Avenue Control House occupies a triangular traffic island, Borough of Brooklyn Tax Map Block 926, Lot 1. Brooklyn Quadrangle, N.Y.
ATLANTIC AVENUE CONTROL HOUSE
Kings County, New York
New York City Tax Map Block 926.

Not to scale
The central forces are significant to the only remaining original entrance to NY's Subway System, which is described as the first such system in the US. Two of the four early 20th century buildings remain virtually intact. The other two have been substantially altered. Regardless, the buildings constitute an important group worthy of listing on the basis of their architecture and their association with the history of transportation.

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8. Atlantic Avenue Control House (D) Brooklyn, New York
Flatbush and Atlantic Avenues, Brooklyn
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View from north

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9. Atlantic Avenue Control House (D) Bronx, New York
Atlantic and Flatbush Avenues, Brooklyn,
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