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## Elevator debuts at State Street Station; T's 144th lift links Orange Line platforms

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(MBTA)

The new state street elevator and adjacent, reconfigured stair case. The elevator connects the Orange Line outbound platform to mezzanine level.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A new elevator at State Street Station debuted at 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

The 144th elevator in the transit system, it helps link the station's Orange Line inbound and outbound platforms, said MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo.

The adjacent stairway pictured above was also removed and replaced in a new configuration as part of the project -- a three-year, \$3 million undertaking.

The T's 145th elevator at Porter Square Station on the Red Line is scheduled to open in less than two weeks, Pesaturo said.

In 2006, a settlement was reached in a federal lawsuit filed by 11 individuals and the Boston Center for Independent Living over inadequate accessibility for people with disabilities to MBTA trains and buses.

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As part of the settlement, the T agreed to build additional elevators at the heavily traveled stations of Harvard, State, Porter, Downtown Crossing, and Park Street.

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