

= High Street ( IND Eighth Avenue Line ) =

High Street , also labeled as High Street ? Brooklyn Bridge , and also referred to as " Brooklyn Bridge Plaza " and " Cranberry Street " , is a station on the IND Eighth Avenue Line of the New York City Subway . It is located at Cadman Plaza East near Red Cross Place and the Brooklyn Bridge approach in Brooklyn Heights , Brooklyn . Its name comes from older street names ; its original location was at the intersection of High Street and Washington Street . It is served by the A train at all times and the C train at all times except late nights .

= = History = =

The High Street station , which is alternatively referred to as " Brooklyn Bridge Plaza " and " Cranberry Street " , was part of a three @-@ stop extension of the IND Eighth Avenue Line from Chambers Street in Lower Manhattan to Jay Street ? Borough Hall in Downtown Brooklyn . Construction of the extension began in June 1928 . Due to the station 's proximity to the Cranberry Street Tunnel under the East River , instead of typical cut @-@ and @-@ cover ( or open @-@ cut ) construction methods , the station site was constructed 70 feet ( 21 m ) below the street ( the tunnel is 90 feet ( 27 m ) below the surface at its lowest point ) using mining techniques . The station was built between the eastern ends of the cast @-@ iron river tubes reinforced with cement , leading to its tubular design . The depth of the station meant that few buildings in the area would be disturbed or demolished , except for two structures along Cranberry Street between Henry Street and Old Fulton Street .

The extension opened to Jay Street on February 1 , 1933 , but the High Street station remained closed for an additional five months . The trains ran through the station without stopping , because the escalators to the street had not been completed due to lack of funding . That month , the contract for four escalators in the station was awarded to Otis Elevator Company . The station opened on June 24 , 1933 .

The station was located below the sites of the Sands Street terminal for BMT elevated trains , some of which traveled over the Brooklyn Bridge . The BMT station closed in 1944 and was replaced by Cadman Plaza . Old Fulton Street ( now Cadman Plaza West ) and Cranberry Street was also the site of the printing shop where Walt Whitman 's Leaves of Grass was first published in 1855 . The area is now the site of the Whitman Close Apartments .

The High Street station was the site of an attempted robbery of subway revenue on June 18 , 1954 , in which the unarmed perpetrator was fatally shot by one of the two armed transit employees collecting fares and already @-@ used transfer slips from token booths .

In the 1970s , the escalators at the eastern end of the station to Adams Street were replaced .

= = Station layout = =

This underground station has two tracks and one island platform . It is the northernmost Brooklyn station for the A and C trains . To the north , the IND Eighth Avenue Line enters the Cranberry Street Tunnel and passes under the East River into Manhattan . As a result , the station was built in a tube design , and built with escalators between the upper fare control level and the lower mezzanine level to easier traverse the 70 foot ( 21 m ) drop below street level . The tile band at this station is a small " High " printed on the walls in a dark purple color scheme .

There are exits at both ends to the full length mezzanine along with evidence of removed center exits ; since this station was built , the area now known as Cadman Plaza was completely rebuilt . Cadman Plaza East , the short one @-@ block street outside the Red Cross Place exit , was previously called Washington Street ; the Washington Street moniker still applies to the road north of Prospect Street . High Street is not directly accessible from the station , as the short one @-@ block street is interrupted by a parking lot . However , Red Cross Place , which was once a part of High Street , is directly accessible .

The geographic western exit leads to Cadman Plaza West / Old Fulton Street ( formerly Fulton

Street , as indicated on wall mosaic signs ) in Brooklyn Heights , a few hundred feet south of Cadman Plaza West 's intersection with Middagh Street . This was the original exit to the station . The eastern exits lead to Adams Street , on the border of Brooklyn Heights , DUMBO and Downtown Brooklyn , adjacent to the central courthouse for the Federal Eastern District of New York . These exits were opened following an additional delay to complete the escalators . Adams Street was widened from 100 feet to 160 feet in the 1950s to accommodate new ramps to the Brooklyn Bridge , and now carries carries the secondary name " Brooklyn Bridge Boulevard " . The current exit staircases lead to ether side of Adams Street , acting as a pedestrian underpass . There are painted @-@ over mosaics pointing to former exits at Washington Street ( now Cadman Plaza East ) .

East ( railroad south ) of the station , the line curves south onto Jay Street and has three track switches with the IND Sixth Avenue Line . A power station for the line is located on the west side of Jay Street just north of Concord Street . A second substation is located at Red Cross Place and Cadman Plaza East .

= = Ridership = =

In 2015 , the station had 2 @, @ 656 @, @ 705 boardings , making it the 188th most used station in the 422 @-@ station system . This amounted to an average of 8 @, @ 479 passengers per weekday . In 2014 , the station had an average of 8 @, @ 870 daily weekday boardings , up from 5 @, @ 410 daily boardings in 2005 ; this represented a 64 % ridership increase over nine years . The station is the 26th busiest of all the stations served by the A / C routes .