

IRT Broadway Line Viaduct

Individual Landmark

Broadway between West 122nd and 135th Streets

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IRT Broadway Line Viaduct. Photo by Lorraine Colbert

The IRT Broadway Line Viaduct is the most imposing and visually impressive above-ground engineering structure of the IRT subway system. Spanning the deep Manhattan Valley between West 122nd and 135th Streets along Broadway, the viaduct, designed by the engineers of the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners, under the direction of chief engineer William Barclay Parsons, is an excellent example of a double-hinged parabolic braced arch structure. Supporting both the tracks and the West 125th Street IRT station, the viaduct is a testament to the skill of engineers and contractors who designed and built New York City's first subway between 1900 and 1904.

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