

World Trade Center Concourse Bustles for First Time Since 9/11

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The underground concourse that passes underneath the World Trade Center site is open to pedestrians for the first time since 9/11.



(Photo: Fox News)

The passageway links businesses and ferry service to the west of the site to PATH trains and Lower Manhattan to the east.

The 600-foot underground concourse within the 800,000-square-foot transportation hub, which, according to an Associated Press report, features 40,000 square feet of Italian marble, will house stores and restaurants on two levels, and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey is partnering with Westfield Group to develop its more than 350,000 square feet of retail.

The hub will ultimately be lined with retailers rumored to rival those seen at Brookfield Place.

A temporary bridge and street level crossing took the place of a bridge over West Street that was destroyed on 9/11.

The concourse is the first piece of the nearly \$4 billion redevelopment of the World Trade transportation hub. 4 World Trade Center is scheduled to open next month, and One World Trade Center will follow in early 2014.

The announcement was made by the Port Authority, Westfield Group and Brookfield Office Properties.