# **Staff Summary**



Date

MAY 28, 2025

#### Subject

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR THE PENN STATION ACCESS PROJECT

Department

REAL ESTATE

Department Head Name

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Project Manager Name ANGELA SZU

Vendor Name
Contract Number
Contract Manager Name
Table of Contents Ref. #

	Board Action						
Order	То	Date	Approval	Info	Other		
1	MNR	05/28/25		х			
2	Finance Committee	05/28/25	х				
3	Board	05/28/25	х				

Internal Approvals							
Order	Approval	Order	Approval				
1	Legal						
2	Chief Administrative Officer						
3	Chief Financial Officer						

AGENCY:	Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA") and MTA Metro-North Railroad ("MNR")
GRANTORS:	Various grantors per attached schedule
LOCATIONS:	Various locations per attached schedule
ACTIVITY:	Acquisition of real property interests in connection with the Penn Station Access Project ("PSA")
ACTION REQUESTED:	Authorization to acquire various real property interests through negotiated agreements or eminent domain
COMPENSATION:	To be determined separately for each property interest via negotiation or condemnation

#### COMMENTS:

In connection with the construction of PSA, a number of real property interest acquisitions will be required for stations (including platforms, stairways, walkways and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance), electrical substations, right-of-way ("ROW") augmentations along Amtrak's Hell Gate Line, and New Rochelle Yard improvements. The properties are listed on the attached schedule.

The MTA will endeavor to acquire all property interests for the project through negotiated agreements, but for a project of this magnitude, the MTA may not be able to reach agreements with all property owners and will be compelled to acquire some property interests through eminent domain. Thus, Board approval is being sought for the MTA to begin taking steps to satisfy the requirements of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law in order to preserve the MTA's rights, lessen the potential for delays to PSA and ensure the timely acquisition of the necessary property interests. If a negotiated agreement to acquire any of the property interests is reached prior to the filing of condemnation papers with the court, the terms of any such agreements will be presented to the Finance Committee and the MTA Board for further approval.

Based on the foregoing, MTA Real Estate requests authorization to proceed with the acquisition, by negotiated agreement or condemnation on the above-described terms and conditions.

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### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the MTA is undertaking the construction of the MTA MNR Penn Station Access Project ("PSA");

WHEREAS, in connection with PSA a number of real property interest acquisitions will be required for stations (including platforms, stairways, walkways and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance), electrical substations, Right-of-Way ("ROW") augmentations along Amtrak's Hell Gate Line, and New Rochelle Yard improvements;

WHEREAS, the MTA will endeavor to acquire the real property interests through negotiated voluntary agreements with the affected property owners, in order to preserve the MTA's rights and lessen the potential for future delays to the project if agreements cannot be negotiated in a timely manner, the MTA must take preliminary steps under the Eminent Domain Procedure Law to secure the property interest needed for PSA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the Eminent Domain Procedure Law and Section 1267 of the Public Authorities Law, the Chairman or designated staff member of the MTA is authorized to proceed with the acquisition of real property interests in the properties described above by negotiated agreements or eminent domain and to schedule and undertake such preliminary steps, including holding a public hearing, as may be required under the Eminent Domain Procedure Law, in connection with these acquisitions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed acquisitions will be subject to prior, satisfactory completion of any required environmental reviews.

See attachment for list of properties.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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# Acquisition of Various Real Property Interests in Support of the MTA Metro-North Penn Station Access Project by Negotiated Purchase or Condemnation

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	Property Address	Reputed Owner	Type of Interest
Bronx	2599	1	Southern Boulevard	Bruckner RR, LLC	Perm & Temp Easements
Bronx	2599	62	Bruckner Boulevard	980 BLC Owner LLC	Perm & Temp Easements
Bronx	2599	87	980 East 149th Street	980 BLC Owner LLC	Perm & Temp Easements
Bronx	2599	175	East 141 <sup>st</sup> Street	980 BLC Owner LLC	Perm & Temp Easements
Bronx	2599	269	380 Bruckner Boulevard	Bruckner, LLC	Full Fee Simple
Bronx	4018	121	Van Buren Street	1601 Van Buren LLC	Permanent Easement
Bronx	4085	4	1140 Sacket Avenue	Y Properties Holdings II, LLC	Permanent Easement
Bronx	4411	300	1770 Stillwell Avenue	United Cerebral Palsy of New York City, Inc.	Permanent Easements
Westchester	238	10	171 Huguenot Street	SILWIS LLC	Perm & Temp Easements
Westchester	238	5 p/o (F/K/A 21)	12 Commerce Drive	BRP 10 Commerce LLC	Perm & Temp Easements
Westchester	238	20	8 Commerce Drive	Cedar Plaza Associates, LLC	Perm & Temp Easements
Westchester	250	1	8 Joyce Road	Agree Eastern LLC	Perm & Temp Easements
Westchester	267	30	2533 Palmer Avenue	2533 Premium Realty LTD.	Perm & Temp Easements
Westchester	267	15	2525 Palmer Avenue	2525 Palmer Associates LLC	Perm & Temp Easements
Westchester	267	3	Oak Street	Aldanso Realty LLC	Perm & Temp Easements
Westchester	308	29	186 Lispenard Avenue	AMD Realty, Inc.	Perm & Temp Easements
Westchester	308	30	Oak Street	AMD Realty, Inc.	Perm & Temp Easements
Westchester	310	20	2425 Palmer Avenue	Palmer-Petersville Leopold LP	Perm & Temp Easements