



Penn Station Access



Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Construction & Development
Metro-North Railroad



Bronx Westchester Community Council
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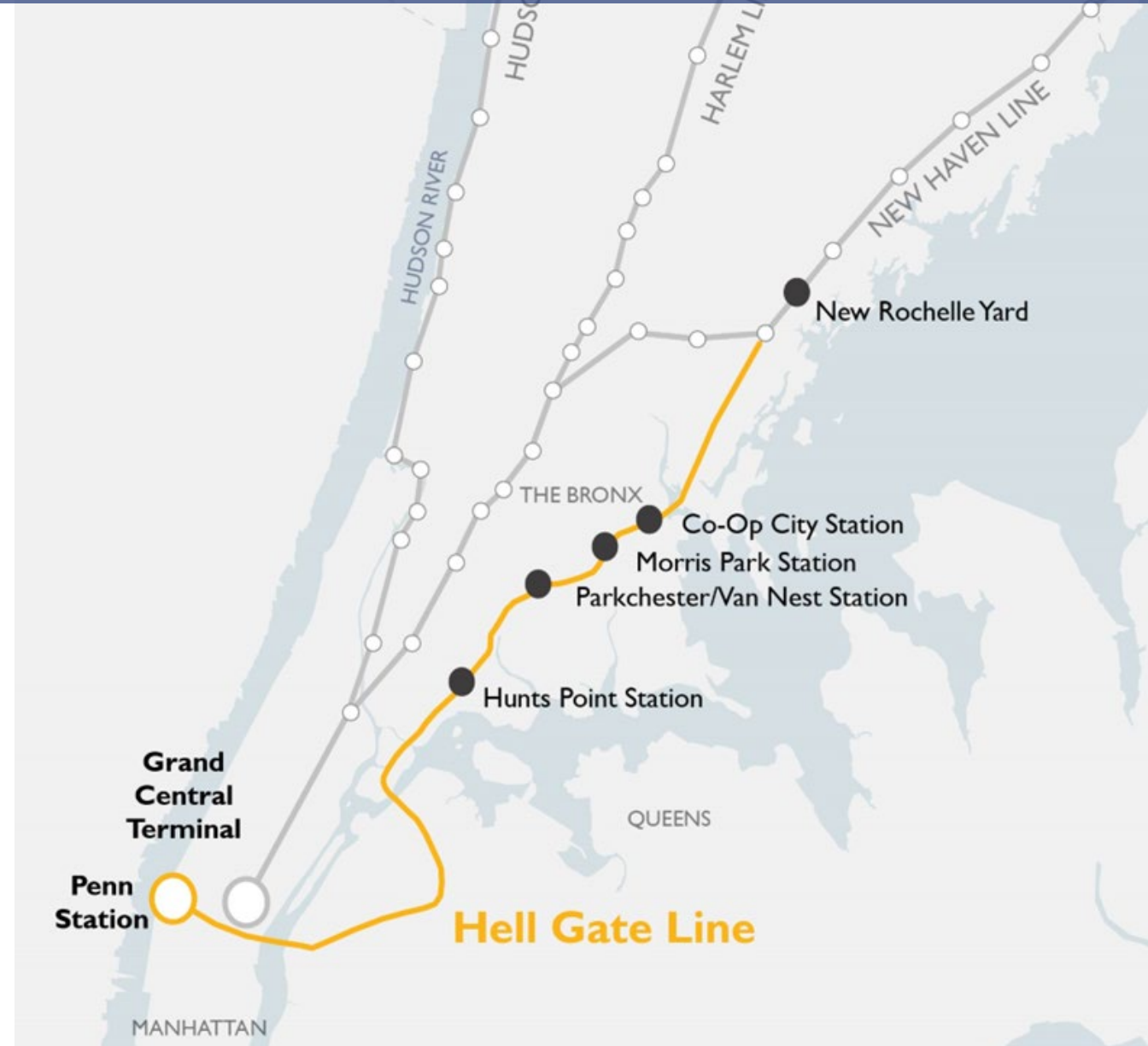
Agenda



- Project Overview
- Schedule Updates
- Project Progress
- Community Engagement
- Contact Us
- Q&A

What is Penn Station Access?

- New Metro-North rail service to and from Penn Station
- 4 new ADA stations in the Bronx; reduce commutes to Midtown up to 50 minutes each way
- Regional transportation connectivity

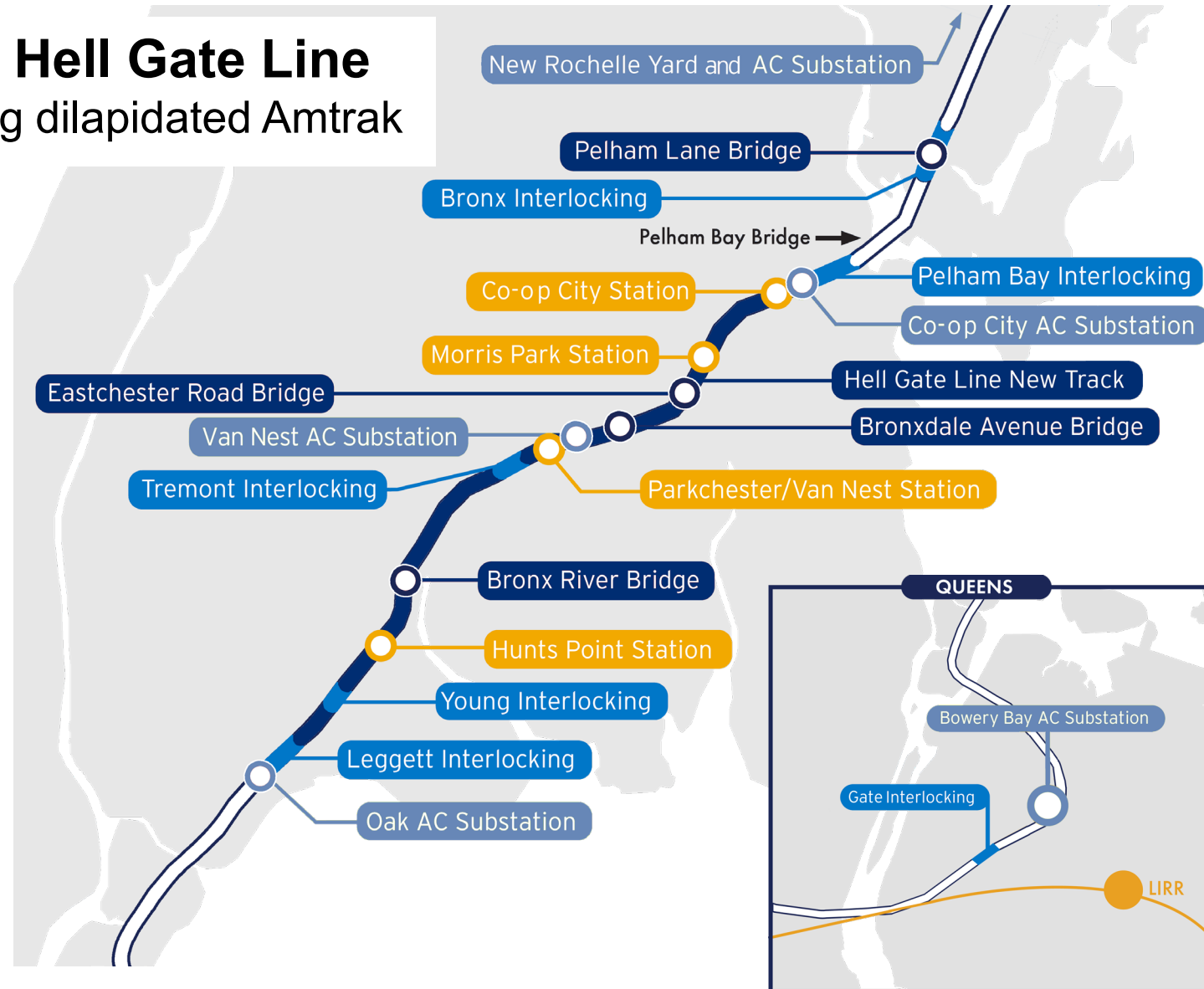


Project Components

Project requires rebuilding Amtrak Hell Gate Line

Majority of budget is rebuilding and upgrading dilapidated Amtrak infrastructure:

- **19** miles of track work
- **4** new interlockings
- **1** reconfigured interlocking
- **4** new substations
- **1** upgraded substations
- **4** bridge rehabilitations
- New drainage infrastructure
- New Rochelle Yard expansion



Schedule Updates – Cont.

Per our October 2025 update to the MTA's Board, we still need Amtrak to continue to take action to get the project back on track.

Amtrak has made progress but must continue to provide necessary support.

These key asks allow construction to be accomplished more efficiently:

Necessary Amtrak Cooperation

Double-Block Outages

Allows flexible work locations / simultaneous construction zones

Eliminate Week Between Outages for Track Hardening

Removes waiting periods between work

Take Over Relocation of Existing Catenary

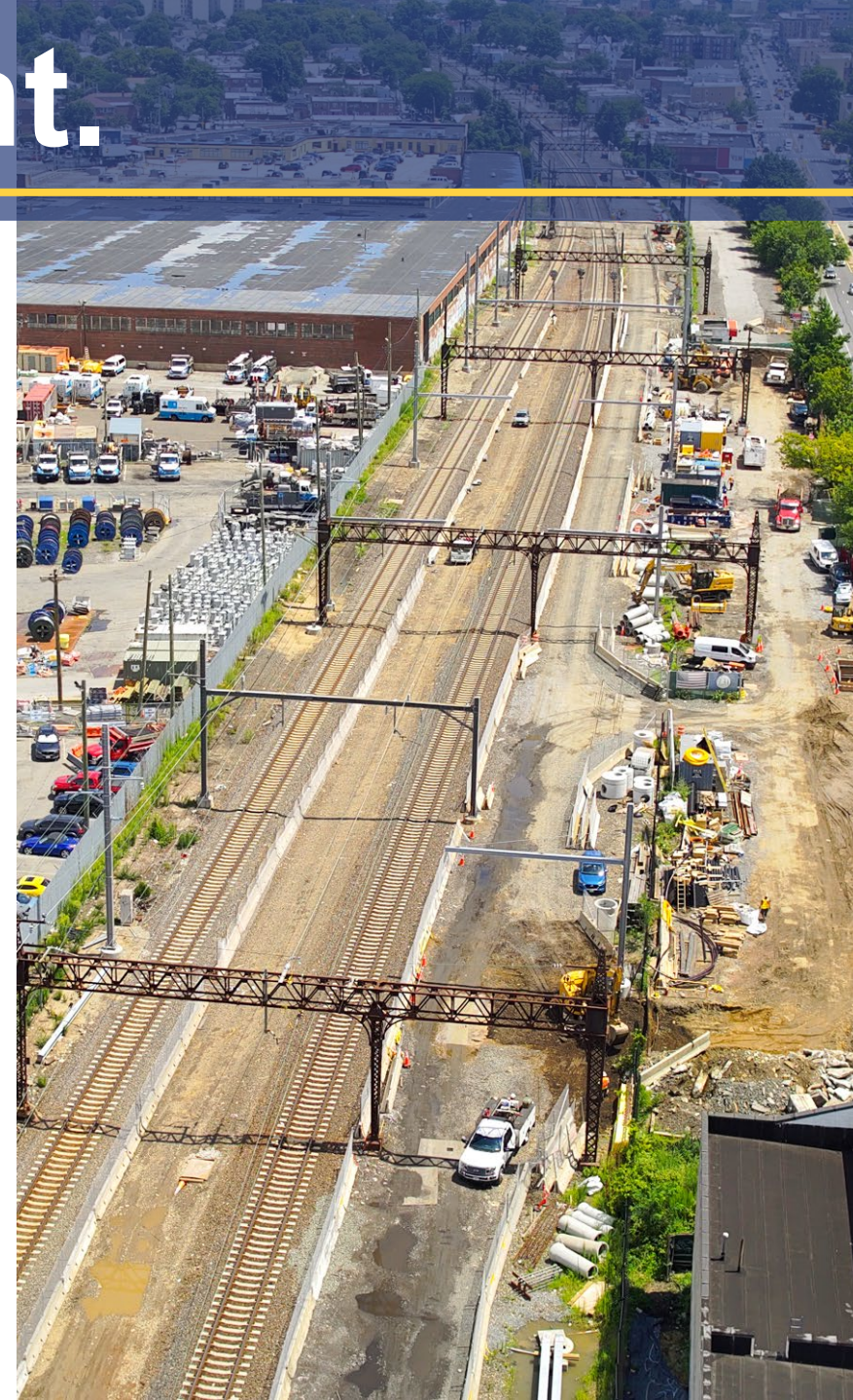
Specific working practices can be executed quicker by Amtrak

Increase Force Account & Reform Work Rules

Eliminates delays due to staffing shortages

Embrace Design-Build

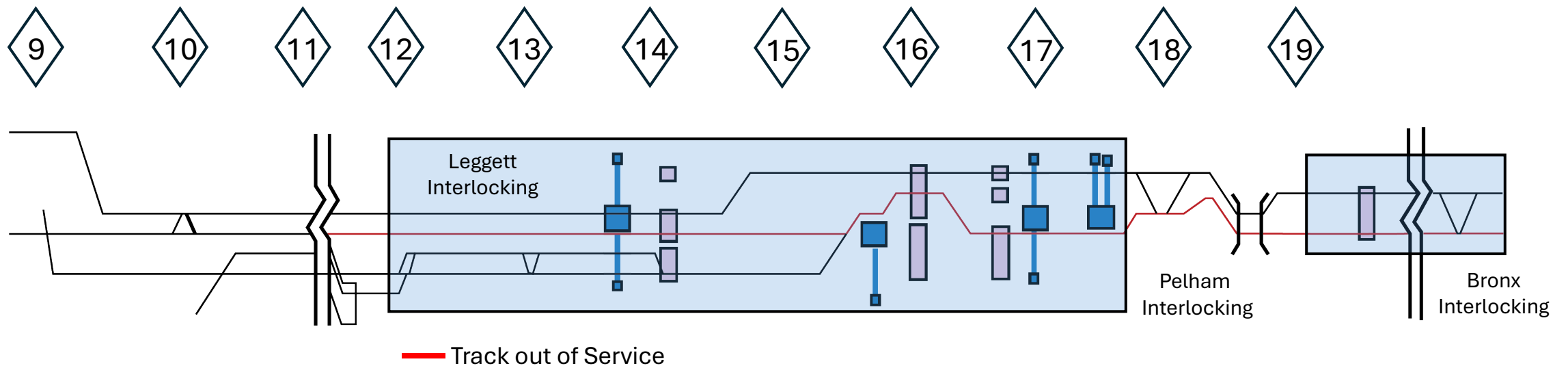
Enables faster approval for designs & work plans



Recent Amtrak Successes

Over the past 6 months, the PSA team, Amtrak, and the Design-Builder have made progress towards mitigating additional delays.

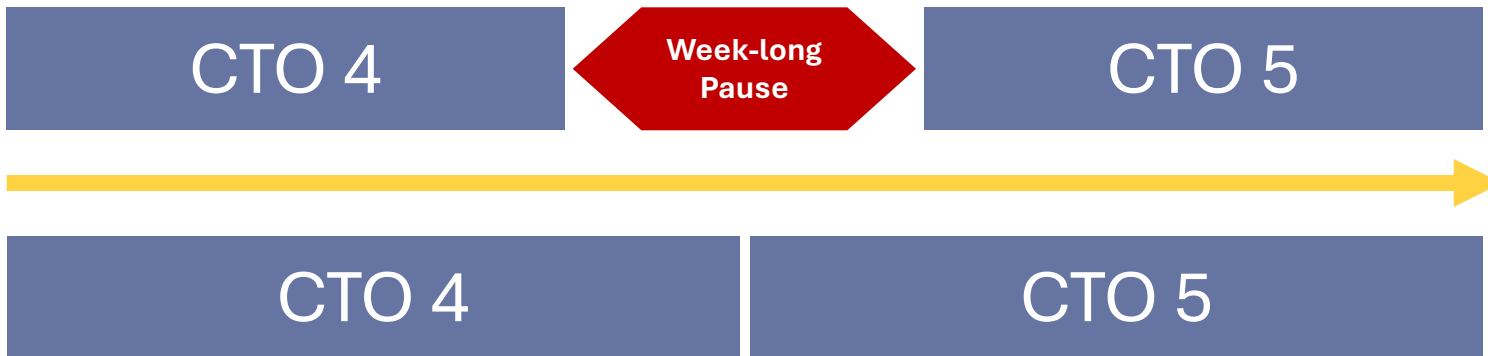
- Amtrak has provided **Double-block outages**. Each block is separated by interlockings, enabling single track outages within each block.
- With these track outages, work can be done within both blocks simultaneously.
- Previously, work could only be accomplished within one block at a time.



Recent Amtrak Successes – Cont.

Additional Amtrak successes include:

- Increased force account & collaboration with MTA to reform work rules.
 - Reducing unexpected cancellations or delays due to lack of personnel availability
- Amtrak eliminated the week between continuous outages for track hardening.
 - The hardening work is performed simultaneously with other work.



Project Progress



- Interlockings
- New Tracks & Drainage
- New and Upgraded Bridges
- Power System Upgrades
- New Stations

Interlockings

Leggett Interlocking was successfully commissioned on July 8, 2025.

- Enables extended single-track outages that allow our crews to execute major work.

Bronx Interlocking

Located near the Pelham Lane Bridge, work on the interlocking coincided with the installation of the new bridge spans.

- Track 1 and Track 2 switches installed.



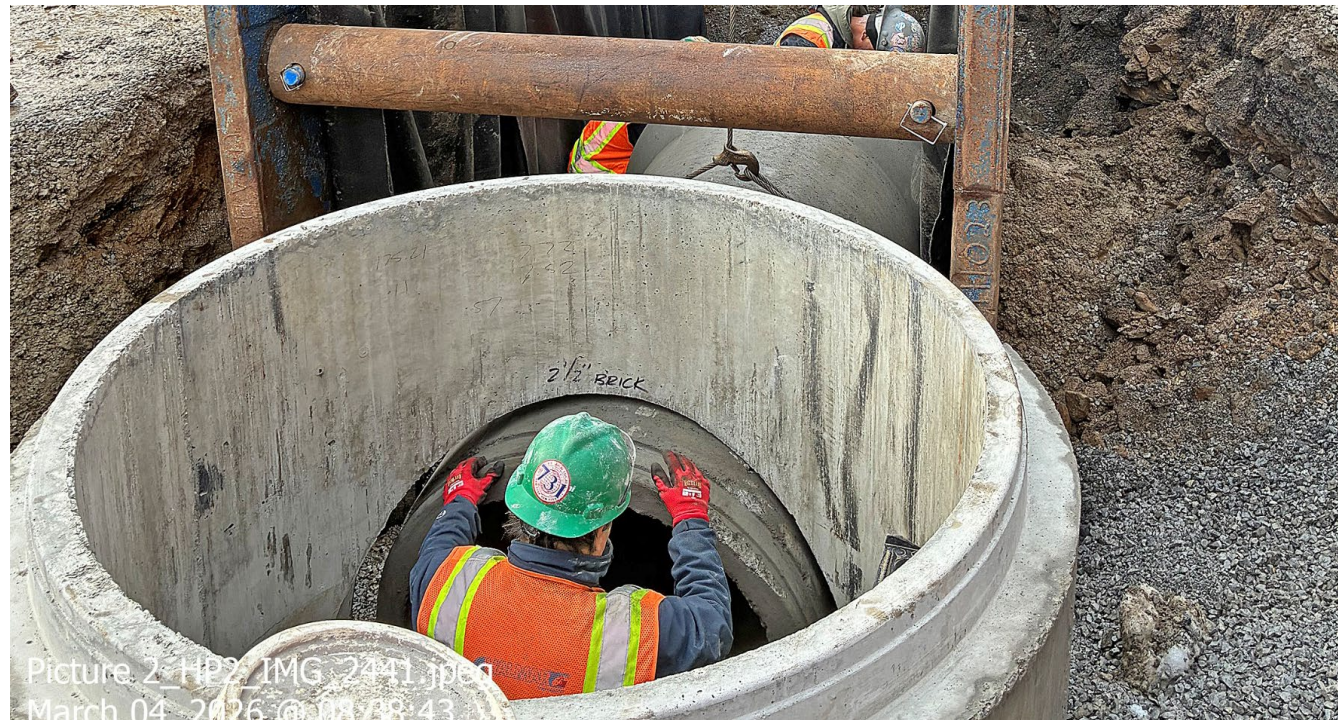
New Tracks & Drainage

Track Work

- Near Parkchester / Van Nest Station
 - **100%** of Track 1 (5200ft) is complete
 - **45%** of Track 3 (2230ft) is complete

New Drainage System

- Components installed across the Project Corridor so far:
 - **55%** of manhole structures (175)
 - **51%** of drainage pipe (21,135 LF)



New and Upgraded Bridges

Bronxdale Avenue Bridge: Phase 1 complete.

Eastchester Road Bridge: Track 3 girder installation complete.

Bronx River Bridges: Track 1 span launch and waterproofing complete.

Pelham Lane Bridge

- All bridge-structure work is complete.
- Grading and landscaping work is complete.



Pelham Lane Bridge



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Power System Upgrades

New Substations

- Van Nest Substation
 - Foundation work complete
 - Grounding grid installation underway
- Co-op City Substation
 - Trenching, excavation, conduit and grounding grid install are complete

Replacing the 100+ year old catenary system.

- Parkchester / Van Nest (Zone 1) Catenary system is complete.
 - **65%** of old catenary structures removed (17)
- Components installed across the remainder of the Project Corridor so far:
 - **73%** of caissons (209)
 - **59%** of columns (112)
 - **45%** of portals / cantilevers (73)



New Stations



Hunts Point - North Entrance (above)

- Retaining wall extension installation complete
- Entrance foundation complete

Hunts Point - South Entrance

- Underground utilities and foundation installation is complete
- Steel fabrication pending

Morris Park - North Entrance (above)

- Station foundation complete
- Utility building walls and roof installed

Morris Park - South Entrance

- Below grade utilities and foundation installation is complete
- Steel installation scheduled for summer 2026.

New Stations



Parkchester / Van Nest - Main Entrance

- Entranceway steel installed
- Pre-cast concrete stair installation complete
- CMU block wall installation 90% complete
- Metal decking installation 90% complete
- Center-island platform foundations complete
- Unionport Road entrance foundations complete



Co-op City - East and West Entrance

- Drainage, electrical utilities and foundation installation complete
- Utility building structure complete
- Plumbing installation within utility building complete

Community Engagements

Robust Outreach Program:

- Bronx-Westchester Community Council
- Bronx Community Boards 2, 9, 10, and 11
- New York Metropolitan Transportation Council
- PSA / steMTA Program in local schools
- Community & stakeholder meetings
 - Co-op City Section 5 Public Information Session
 - Center for Bronx Non-Profits
 - Bronx EDC
 - Hunts Point EDC Spring Mingle
- Community Events
 - New Rochelle Earth Day
 - Bronx River Alliance



Stay Informed



Telephone Hotline: [347-263-7837](tel:347-263-7837)



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Sign-up for updates and newsletters on the website



Project Webpage: <https://new.mta.info/project/penn-station-access>



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New Stations

