

# Penn Station Access

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## Notice of Virtual Public Meeting and Availability of the Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Metro-North Railroad Penn Station Access Project

We are pleased to invite you to review the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Metro-North Railroad Penn Station Access Project. The MTA is proposing the Penn Station Access Project to introduce Metro-North passenger rail service into and out of Penn Station New York. Four new ADA-accessible Metro-North stations will be constructed in the eastern Bronx at Hunts Point, Parkchester/Van Nest, Morris Park, and Co-op City. With these four new passenger rail stations and significant improvements to railroad infrastructure, Penn Station Access will spur the local economy and attract regional talent by increasing accessibility to underserved areas. It will bring Amtrak's Hell Gate Line into a state of good repair and improve reliability and on-time performance for intercity passengers. By improving reliability for our riders and equitably expanding transit options, we are transforming our regional transportation system.

MTA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have prepared the EA and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; the FTA, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and FHWA's Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 C.F.R. Part 771); 6 NYCRR Part 617 SEQRA requirements; the CEQ regulations implementing NEPA (40 C.F.R. 1500); Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966; Section 4(f) of the U.S. DOT Act of 1966; Executive Order 12898 - Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, and other applicable federal rules and regulations. MTA is the Proposed Project sponsor. FTA is the lead federal agency. FRA is a NEPA Cooperating Agency. The scope of the EA includes improvements to the Hell Gate Line catenary system, which is the subject of a Fiscal Year 2019 Federal-State Partnership State of Good Repair Grant Program being administered by FRA. FRA may rely on the EA in reaching its NEPA decision for the catenary project.

The EA and the Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation are available on the project website ([PennStationAccess.info](http://PennStationAccess.info)). Flash drives of the entire EA and/or a paper copy of the Executive Summary (English or Spanish) are available at no charge upon request. Hard copies of the EA (with appendices on flash drive) are available for purchase by emailing [PSAOutreach@mtacd.org](mailto:PSAOutreach@mtacd.org).

Hard copies of the EA are available for public inspection by appointment only at the following locations. Appointments can be requested by calling 718-560-3268.

**Bronx Jewish Community Council,**  
2157 Holland Ave, Bronx, NY 10467

**Morris Park Community Association,**  
1824 Bronxdale Ave, Bronx, NY 10462

Written comments are welcome and may be submitted by mail (address provided below), email ([PSAOutreach@mtacd.org](mailto:PSAOutreach@mtacd.org)) or via the project website listed above. **Comments must be received by July 3, 2021.**

**Mail written comments to:**  
MTA Government & Community Relations  
Re: Penn Station Access EA  
2 Broadway, D17.140  
New York, NY 10004



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## Instructions for Joining the Public Meeting

MTA is hosting a public meeting to receive comments related to the EA and the Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for the Project. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings (Executive Order 202.94), the public meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting utilizing Zoom Webinar.

Oral comments will be accepted at the public meeting. Spanish translations, CART Captioning, and American Sign Language services will be available. If additional language assistance or any other accommodations are required, please submit a request at least three business days before the public meeting at [PSAOutreach@mtacd.org](mailto:PSAOutreach@mtacd.org) or by calling the Public Meeting Hotline at 646-252-6777 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Si necesita una traducción, por favor comuníquese con [PSAOutreach@mtacd.org](mailto:PSAOutreach@mtacd.org) o 646-252-6777.

**Meeting Date and Time:** June 15, 2021, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

### Meeting Information:

*Zoom Webinar Link:*

<https://mta.zoom.us/j/86180485626>

Webinar ID: 861 8048 5626

*Dial-in Information:*

+1 877 853 5247 Meeting ID: 861 8048 5626

*Speaker Registration Link:*

[https://mta-nyc.custhelp.com/app/hearings/register/h\\_id/64](https://mta-nyc.custhelp.com/app/hearings/register/h_id/64)

**Speaker Registration Closes:** June 15, 2021, 6:30 P.M.

To register to speak at the virtual public meeting, follow the link above or call the Public Meeting Hotline at 646-252-6777 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Verbal comments will be limited to two minutes. You may present verbal testimony or submit written statements in lieu of or to supplement oral testimony concerning the proposed project.

For assistance participating, please direct questions to the Public Meeting Hotline at 646-252-6777.

