



January 26, 2022

Re: **Metro-North Railroad Penn Station Access Programmatic Agreement Amendment
Bronx, New York, Queens and Westchester Counties**

To Whom It May Concern,

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is proposing the Penn Station Access Project, which will provide one-seat passenger rail service to Penn Station New York on Manhattan's west side for MTA Metro-North Railroad's New Haven Line customers. Your organization was previously identified as a Consulting Party for the Penn Station Access Project in the Historic Resources Project Initiation Letter (PIL) sent to you in the summer of 2014 followed by the Historic Architectural Resources Background Study (HARBS) sent to you in the spring of 2016 and the Effects Assessment in 2019. The Effects Assessment was developed in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, which mandates review of the effects of federal undertakings on historic resources.

Following a public comment period from May 18 through July 3, 2021, the project was approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with the signing of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on September 24, 2021. At the same time, a Programmatic Agreement among the FTA, MTA and New York State Historic Preservation Officer was approved by the signatories. Since that time, there have been minor revisions to the Programmatic Agreement to reflect the latest available information. Before formally amending the Programmatic Agreement, it must be made available for a public comment for 30 days, per Section 106. As a courtesy, enclosed is a copy of the draft amended Programmatic Agreement.

Any comments may be sent by March 4, 2022 to my attention at linda.corcoran@mtacd.org or by mail to the address indicated above. Information about the project and copies of the documentation can be found on the project website: <https://pennstationaccess.info/>

If you have any questions, please contact me at (646) 252-4398.

Sincerely,

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