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Tri-State Transportation Campaign Statement on Opening of Moynihan Train Hall

On New Year's Day, Amtrak will open the new Moynihan Train Hall on the site of the former James A. Farley Post Office in Manhattan. The expansion of Penn Station includes spacious waiting areas, additional platform access, and modern passenger amenities that will make commuting to New York City by train a more comfortable experience. Tri-State Transportation Campaign released the following statement:

"After a year of devastating news and major setbacks for transit agencies, Moynihan is opening just in time for what will hopefully be the start of a renaissance era for the region's transportation infrastructure. As businesses reopen in the coming months following the COVID-19 pandemic, this expansion of Penn Station represents a bold statement that New York City is prepared for future growth. Our region deserves a station that symbolizes the power and influence of New York and the central role of mass transit; the opening of Moynihan is one big step toward reaching this goal.

"Amtrak's new train hall will not only reduce overcrowding in Penn Station, it will also provide better commuter access for workers and residents in the new Hudson Yards district. Additionally, improved wayfinding for riders and more spacious waiting areas will no doubt make commuting through Penn Station a more enjoyable experience. Even as we applaud this signature moment at one of New York City's major transit hubs, we know there is still more work to be done at the track level to resolve chronic train congestion, which is often the source of service disruptions and significant delays that negatively impact riders and the economy.

"The incoming Biden Administration is expected to move ahead with Amtrak's Gateway Program, which includes building two new rail tunnels under the Hudson River. We must move ahead quickly to build this critical part of the Northeast Corridor. Once complete, train capacity between New York and New Jersey will nearly double and the region will have more reliable and resilient rail service.

"We congratulate Amtrak, the Empire State Development Corporation, Vornado Realty Trust, Related Companies, Skanska, the MTA, the Port Authority of NY and NJ, Governor Cuomo, and all of the elected officials and advocates who fought so hard over the years to get this project



done. We look forward to continuing the fight for a complete transformation of Penn Station and the regional rail network.”

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Tri-State Transportation Campaign is a 27-year old advocacy organization that fights for an equitable, safe, multi-modal transportation network that provides options and supports the economies of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. TSTC works to fix our commutes, meet our climate goals, stop traffic deaths, and make transportation fair.