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Tri-State Transportation Campaign Statement on Penn Station Access Announcement

Today, Governor Cuomo announced the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) would issue a request for proposals to build the long-anticipated \$1.6 billion <u>Penn Station Access</u> project. Set to open in 2025, the plan includes four new ADA-accessible Metro-North stations in the East Bronx at Hunts Point, Parkchester/Van Nest, Morris Park, and Co-Op City. **Renae Reynolds, the new Executive Director of Tri-State Transportation Campaign**, released the following statement:

"We applaud the state's decision to move forward with Penn Station Access, particularly as the city and region recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. This project will bring high-quality transit to more neighborhoods of the Bronx and better connect thousands of Bronxites with jobs and opportunities in Manhattan and southwestern Connecticut.

"The city and state are both working hard to fill in transit deserts, which is mission critical for ensuring a more equitable transportation network. We look forward to seeing how Penn Station Access will integrate with the local subway and bus network, especially with NYC DOT's plan for miles of new bus lanes in the Bronx and the MTA's Bronx Bus Network Redesign. Together, these projects could be a game-changer for East Bronx accessibility."

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