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TSTC Launches Interactive Map of MTA's 20-Year Needs Assessment

Every five years, New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) takes a long-term look at the region's transit and transportation needs. The result is the [20-Year Needs Assessment](#), a comprehensive strategy for the investments the MTA needs to make to rebuild and improve the existing system, and to expand and enhance the transit network. The MTA's next 20-Year Needs Assessment will be completed by October 1, 2023.

New York, NY— On Wednesday, Tri-State Transportation Campaign launched [a new interactive map](#) of the capital projects listed in the MTA's 2025–2044 20-Years Needs Assessment. TSTC created this map as a resource for planners, advocates and policy-makers. Each of these projects will be evaluated by the MTA—meaning they have not yet been selected or funded, but will be comparatively evaluated for consideration on a level-playing field for future Capital Programs, according to the authority.

“The MTA's 20-Year Needs Assessment demonstrates what's on the table for the region's future, underscoring the need for New York City to implement congestion pricing, which will provide much needed funding toward MTA's capital budget,” said **Liam Blank, Policy & Communications Manager, and creator of TSTC's map**. “Each of these projects will improve and expand the transit network, attract new riders, and provide more efficient and sustainable alternatives to driving a car. We created this [interactive map](#) to help the public visualize the future potential growth of the MTA's network, which will have major implications for meeting and exceeding the state's climate goals.”



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Projects included in the 20-Year Needs Assessment:

- Constructing a new 10th Ave subway station for the #7 Flushing Line
- Reactivating a 10-mile portion of the Beacon Line between Southeast, NY and Danbury, CT for passenger rail service
- Extending the New Lots Ave #3 Line to a new terminal at either Flatlands Ave or in the vicinity of Gateway Center Mall
- Adding capacity on Metro-North's Harlem Line, including construction of a third mainline track between Crestwood and North White Plains
- Implementing Metro-North Hudson Line commuter rail service between Poughkeepsie and Penn Station via Amtrak's Empire Connection
- Constructing a new transit line between Queens and Brooklyn along an existing freight corridor, connecting up to 17 existing subway lines
- Building an additional storage yard for Metro-North's New Haven Line fleet in Port Chester, NY for capacity improvements
- Reconstructing and providing service at the LIRR's Elmhurst Station on the Port Washington Branch in Queens
- Converting an existing MTA-owned right-of-way into an exclusive busway running approximately half a mile from Palmetto St to Fresh Pond Rd
- Adding capacity on LIRR's Port Jefferson Branch
- Adding capacity on Metro-North's Port Jervis Line
- Creating an analytical framework for electrifying MTA's remaining diesel rail territory
- Reactivating a nine-mile segment of LIRR's Lower Montauk Branch between Jamaica and Long Island City
- Reactivating an eight-mile segment of LIRR's Rockaway Beach Branch between Rego Park and Howard Beach in Queens
- Extending the 2nd Ave Subway west along 125th St
- Extending the 2nd Ave Subway south by three miles to Houston St
- Adding capacity on LIRR's Montauk Branch between Speonk and Montauk
- Implementing two new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes for nine-miles in an exclusive lane on Richmond Terrace
- Improving transit connectivity for the West Shore of Staten Island
- Constructing a new LIRR and Metro-North commuter rail station at Sunnyside Yard in Long Island City
- Improving transit options along the Utica Ave Corridor in southeast Brooklyn



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- Extending the W line from Whitehall St in Manhattan through the Montague St Tunnel to Red Hook, Brooklyn
- Improving mobility and accessibility between Orange County, Stewart International Airport and the surrounding regions, the lower Hudson Valley, and New York City

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