



Penn Station Access



Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Construction & Development

Metro-North Railroad

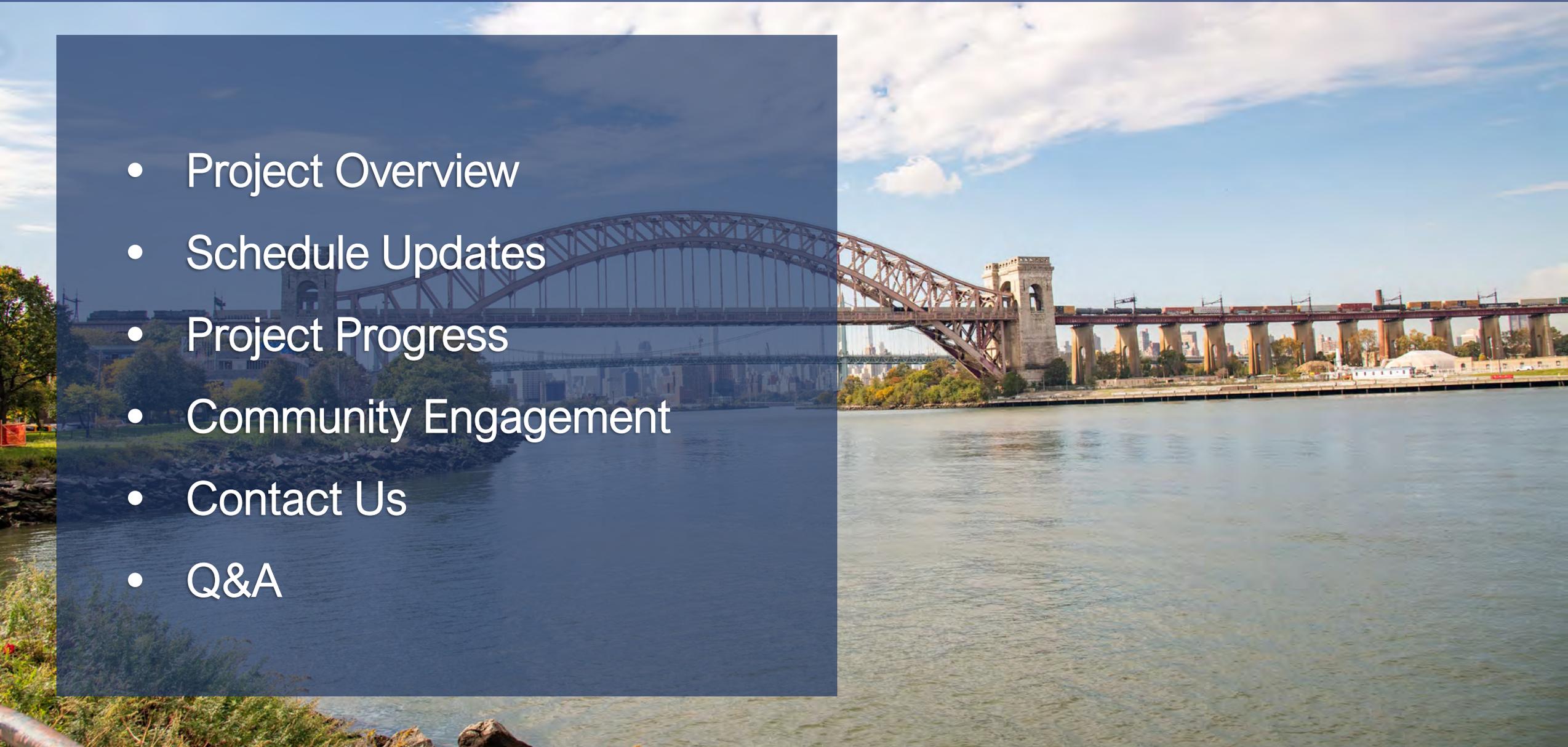


Bronx Community Board 10

February 11, 2026

Agenda

- Project Overview
- Schedule Updates
- Project Progress
- Community Engagement
- Contact Us
- Q&A



What is Penn Station Access?

- New Metro-North rail service to and from Penn Station
- 4 new ADA stations in the Bronx; reduce commutes to Midtown up to 50 minutes each way
- Regional transportation connectivity

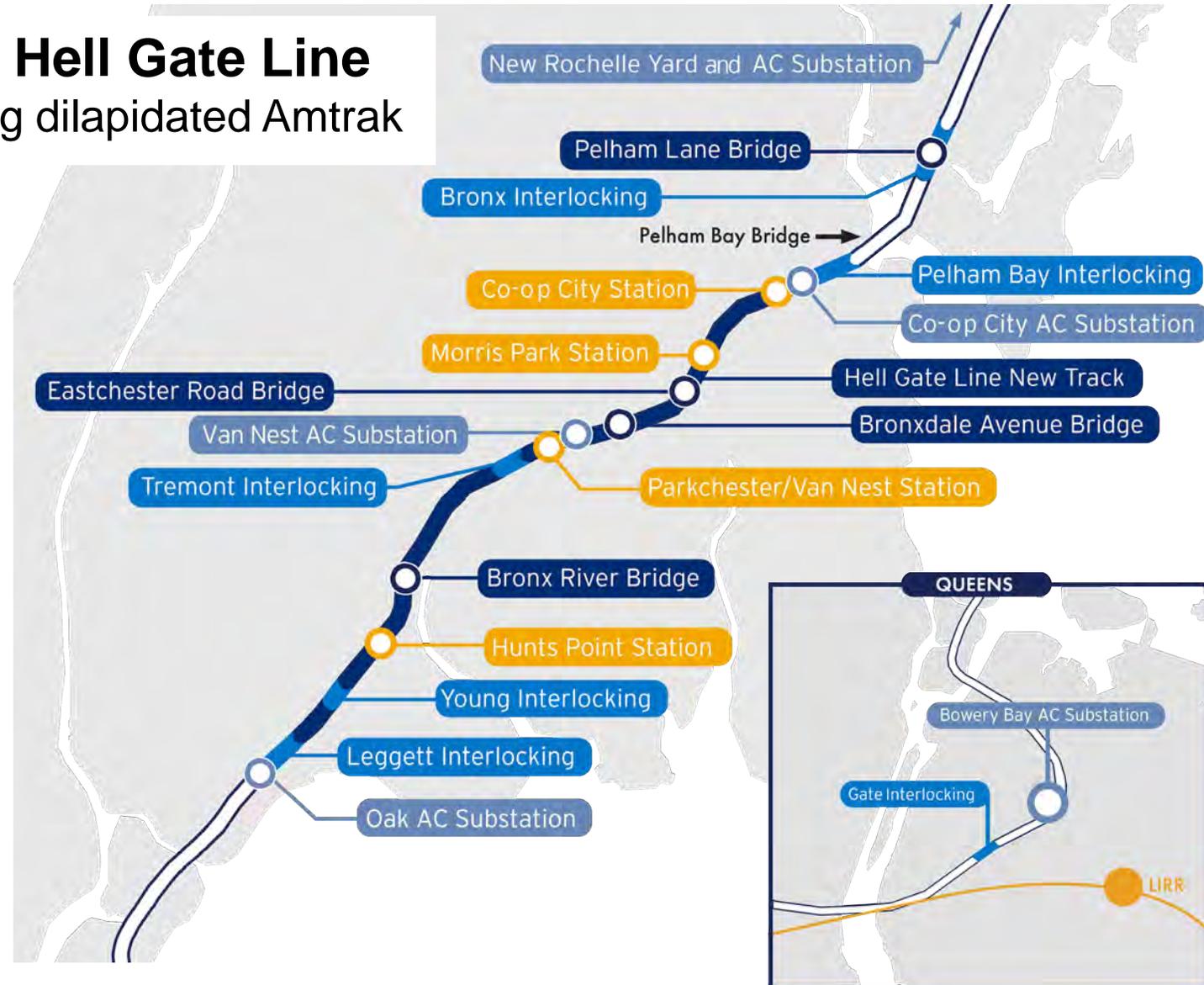


Project Components

Project requires rebuilding Amtrak Hell Gate Line

Majority of budget is rebuilding and upgrading dilapidated Amtrak infrastructure:

- **19** miles of track work
- **4** new interlockings
- **1** reconfigured interlocking
- **4** new substations
- **1** upgraded substations
- **4** bridge rehabilitations
- New drainage infrastructure
- New Rochelle Yard expansion



Schedule Updates

The Project's substantial completion date has been moved to **Q2 2030**.
Temporary service could begin running in **2027**

Per our October 2025 update to the MTA's Board, we still need Amtrak to take action to get the project back on track:

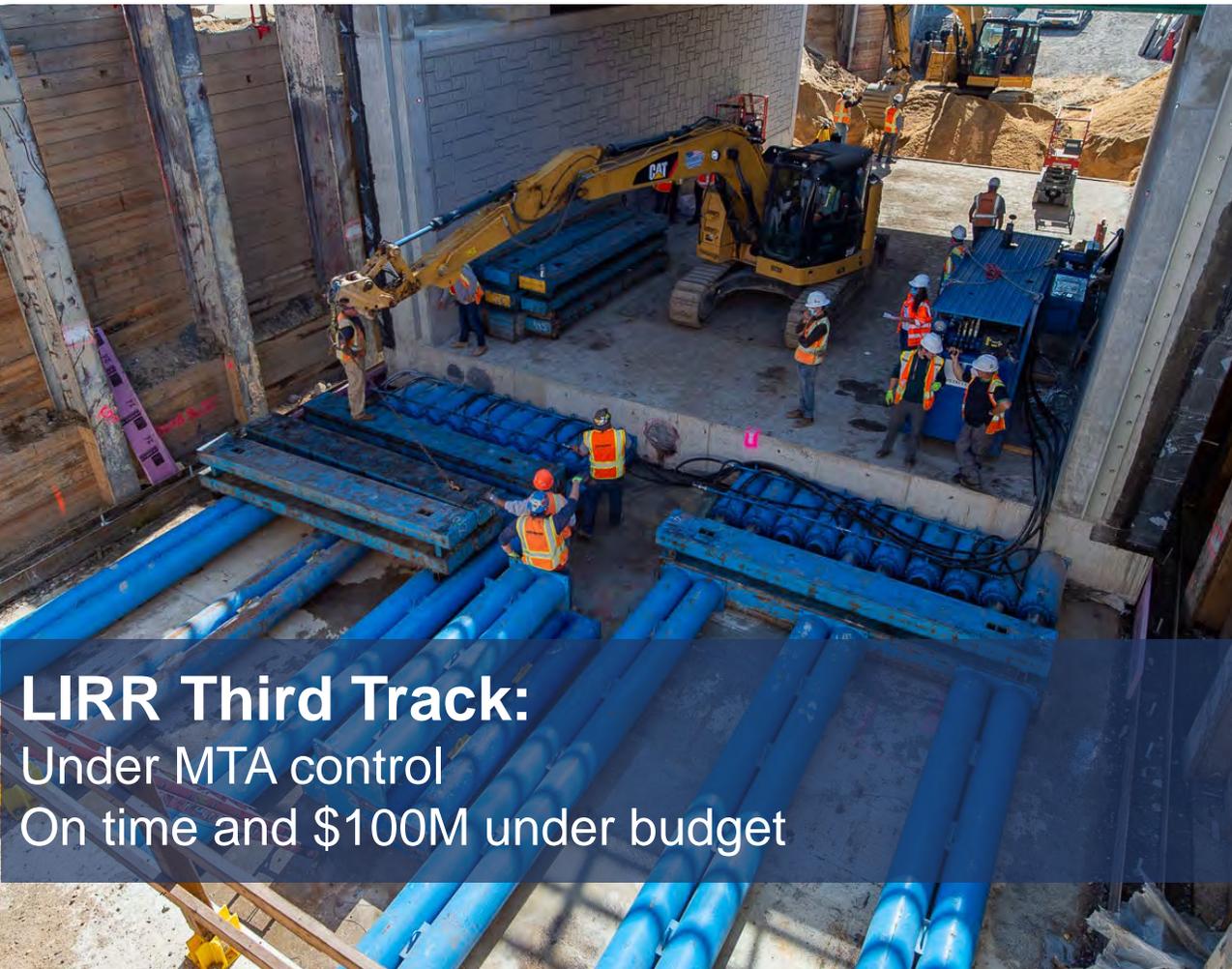
- Cooperate in achieving new scheduled completion date
- Allow MTA to commence temporary service in 2027



Past Precedents

Challenges & Successes

MTA worked to set the project up for success based on the Third Track model.



LIRR Third Track:
Under MTA control
On time and \$100M under budget



East Side Access:
Required cooperation with Amtrak
Years of delay & cost overruns

Delays to Date

Delays to date have predominantly been a result of Amtrak's inability to live up to their contractual obligations, which were the basis for our work schedule and initial forecast completion date.

Outages

No access to perform work

2 of 10 promised weekend outages in the first year
5 of 38 in year two (14%)

Staffing

Not enough staff to support work

98 days without Amtrak Foremen
77 days without Amtrak Electric Traction Linemen

Work Rule Limits

Inconsistent rules to limit how much work can be done

Just 53 activities per month vs 92 planned

Work Plan/Design Review & Approvals

Slow, contradictory responses to Design-Build documents

Average 6 months to design approval; 18 Work Plans currently outstanding

Amtrak Must Take Responsibility

Amtrak's failure to meet minimum commitments to support our work schedule has been the primary driver of schedule delay and associated cost impacts.

There has been progress, but we need action. We need Amtrak to take action to get the project back on track:

- **Allow MTA to commence service in 2027**
- **Share cost impacts arising out of delay**

Amtrak Cooperation to Reach 2030 Date

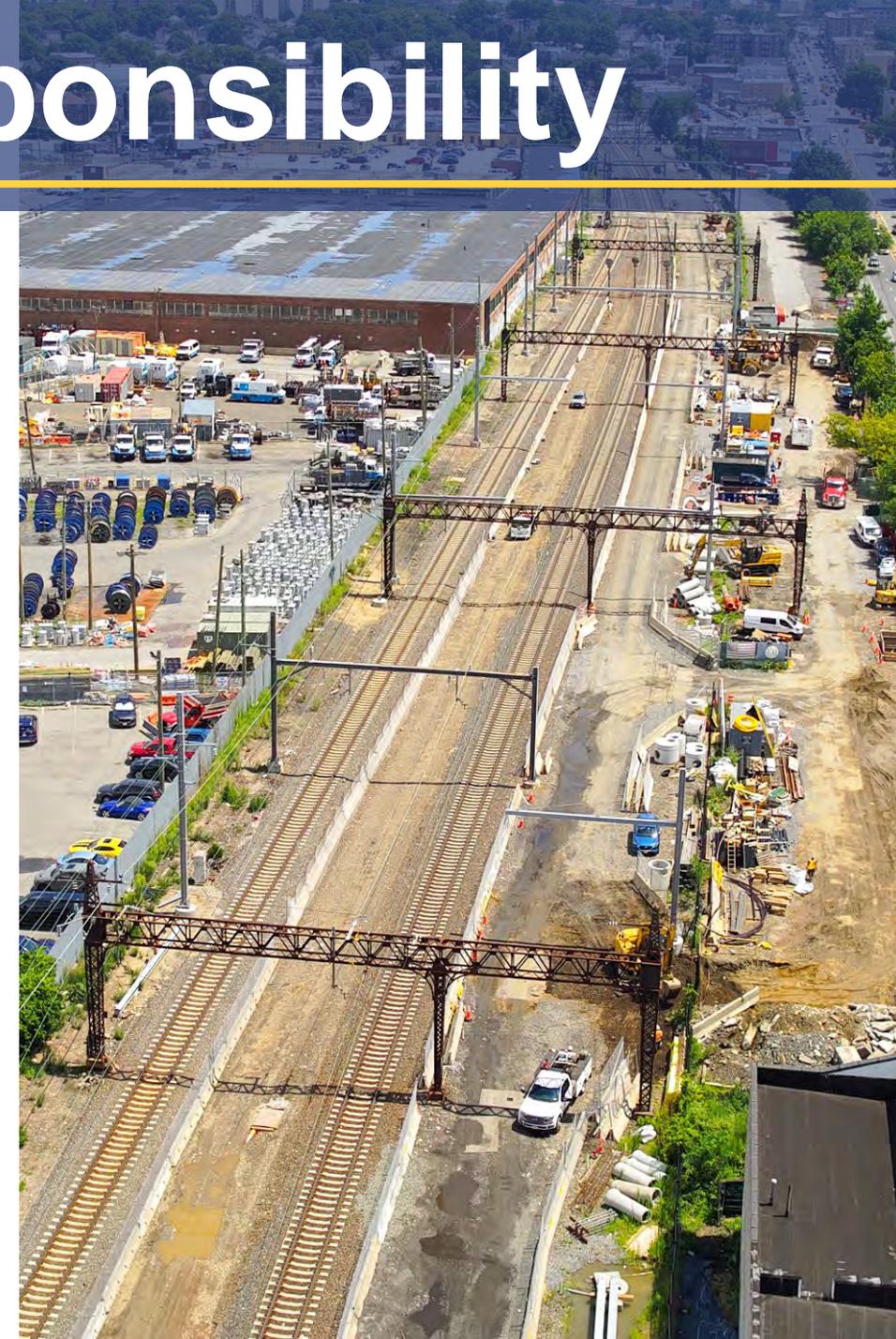
Double-Block Outages

Eliminate Week Between Outages for Track Hardening

Take Over all Catenary & Signal Power Wire Work

Increase Force Account & Reform Work Rules to Increase Productivity

Embrace Design-Build, including Faster Approval for Designs & Work Plans

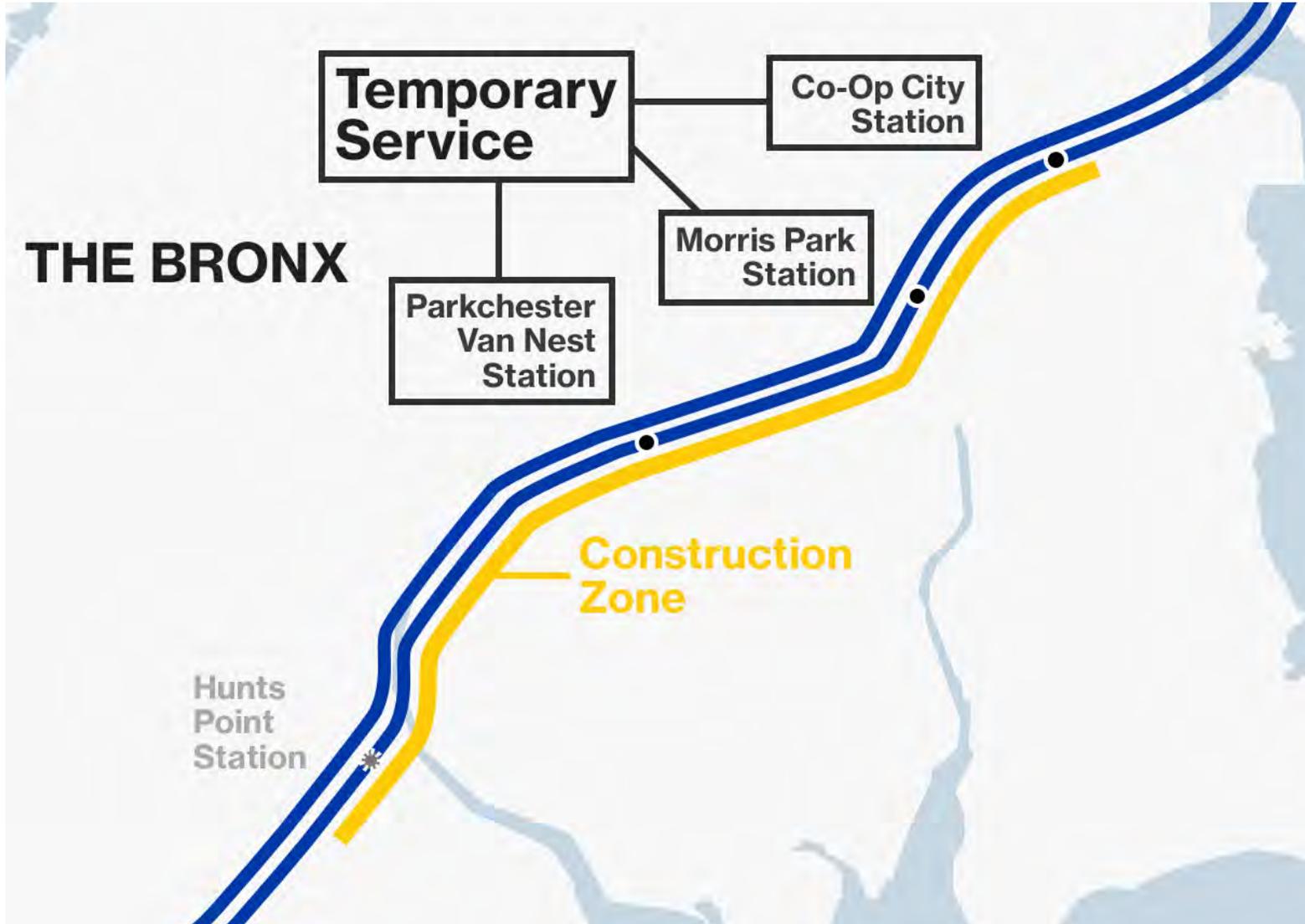


Our Top Priority

Service to the Bronx in 2027

Temporary Service:

- 5 trains inbound AM peak
- 2 trains reverse AM peak
- 5 trains outbound PM peak
- Hourly, bi-directional service weekdays between 6AM and 8:30 PM



Project Progress



- New Tracks & Drainage
- New and Upgraded Bridges
- Power System Upgrades
- New Stations

New Tracks & Drainage

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Leggett Interlocking was successfully commissioned on July 8, 2025.

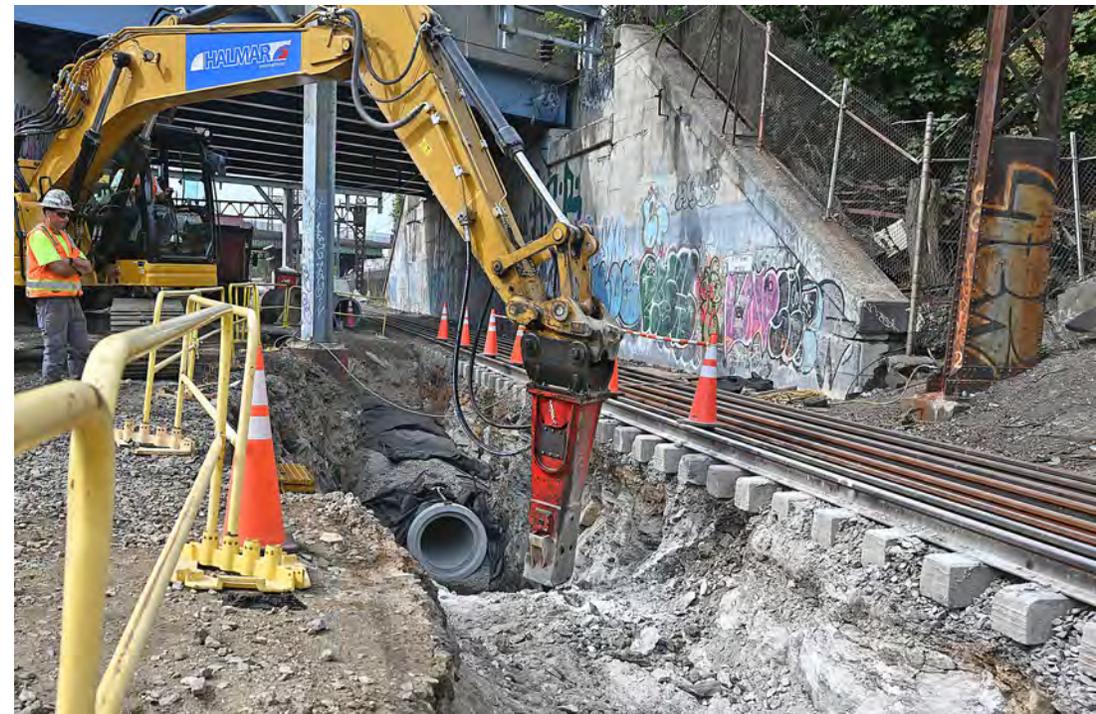
- Enables extended single-track outages that allow our crews to execute major work.

Track Work

- Work is underway on Track 1
- Near Parkchester / Van Nest Station
 - Existing Track 1 demolition underway
 - Installation of the new Track 3 complete

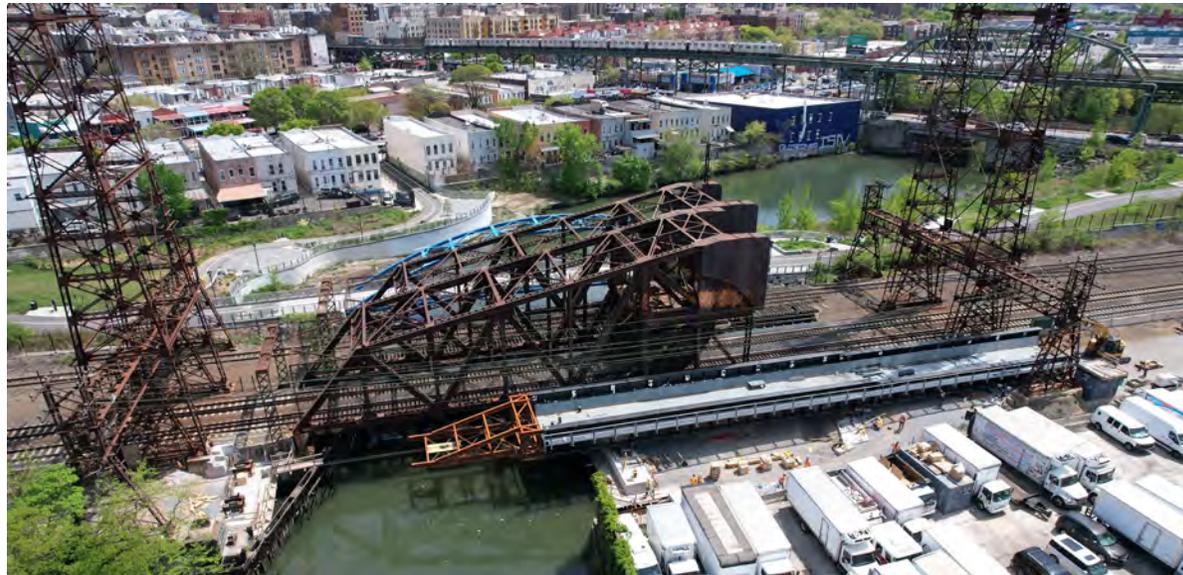
New Drainage System

- Components installed across the Project Corridor so far:
 - **55%** of manhole structures (208)
 - **50%** of drainage pipe (22,068 LF)
 - **59%** of detention tanks (31)



New and Upgraded Bridges

- Bronxdale Avenue Bridge Phase 1 is complete.
- Steel girders for track 3 were installed at Eastchester Road Bridge.
- Track 1 span concrete installation complete.
- Bronx River Bridge was launched into place. Structural work and waterproofing is complete.



Power System Upgrades

New Substations

- Van Nest Substation
 - Concrete pads have been installed
 - Conduit installation underway
- Co-op City Substation
 - Foundation work is underway
 - Conduit installation complete



Replacing the 100+ year old catenary system.

- Parkchester / Van Nest (Zone 1) Catenary system is complete.
- Components installed across the Project Corridor so far:
 - **78%** of caissons (306)
 - **46%** of columns (159)
 - **31%** of portals / cantilevers (79)



New Stations



Hunts Point - South Entrance

- Underground utilities and foundation installation is complete

Hunts Point - North Entrance

- Foundation footing work is complete



Morris Park - North Entrance

- Foundation work is underway

Morris Park - South Entrance

- Below grade utilities and foundation installation is complete

New Stations



Parkchester / Van Nest - Main Entrance

- Foundation and underground utility installation complete
- Entranceway steel installed
- Pre-cast concrete stair installation complete
- CMU block wall installation underway



Co-op City - East and West Entrance

- Drainage, electrical utilities and foundation installation complete
- Water utilities installation underway

Community Engagements

Robust Outreach Program:

- Bronx-Westchester Community Council
- Bronx Community Boards 2, 9, 10, and 11
- New York Metropolitan Transportation Council
- PSA / steMTA Program in local schools
- Community & stakeholder meetings
 - Co-op City Section 5 Public Information Session
 - Center for Bronx Non-Profits
 - Bronx Chamber of Commerce
 - Hunts Point-Longwood Community Coalition
 - Bronx EDC
 - Hunts Point EDC Spring Mingle



Stay Informed



Telephone Hotline: [347-263-7837](tel:347-263-7837)



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Sign-up for updates and newsletters on the website



Project Webpage: <https://new.mta.info/project/penn-station-access>



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