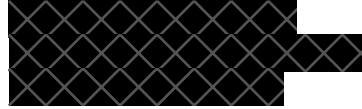




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Via electronic mail: liam.blank@gmail.com

Liam P. Blank



**RE: OPRA 250703-905726
OPRA 250708-907073
OPRA 250708-907079**

Dear Mr. Blank:

New Jersey Transit Corporation ("NJ TRANSIT") is in receipt of your requests pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq. ("OPRA") and the common law, dated July 8, 2025.

I. Your request assigned **OPRA No. 250703-905726** stated:

Subject: Records Regarding "Alternative G" and the 2003 ARC Major Investment Study Pursuant to the NJ Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., this constitutes a formal request for records on behalf of The City Club of New York. This request seeks historical documentation of the analysis for connecting Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal.

Time Period: All responsive records created, prepared, received, or maintained from January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2010.

Requested Records: This request seeks all records related to Rail Traffic Controller (RTC) or equivalent capacity modeling and calculations for the project alternative known as "Alternative G" from the Access to the Region's Core (ARC) project, which proposed a new connection between Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal.

For this alternative, this request seeks the following categories of records:

(A) The 2003 Major Investment Study (MIS) and Inputs: The complete, full version of the 2003 ARC Major Investment Study, including all drafts, sections, and underlying technical appendices. This request explicitly seeks the full 1,600-page document and not solely the 31-page "Executive Summary" that was made public. This also includes all documents, spreadsheets, and data files detailing the inputs and assumptions used for any modeling related to Alternative G.

(B) Raw Model and Output Files: The complete model files and all resultant output data files, reports, and logs generated by any simulation software used to analyze Alternative G.

(C) Summaries, Presentations, and Correspondence: All presentations, memoranda, and internal NJ TRANSIT correspondence discussing the analysis, feasibility, or the decision

to eliminate "Alternative G" from further consideration as documented in the "ARC Summary Report 2003".

Attached please find the records responsive to item A of the Request. Please be advised that NJ TRANSIT does not possess records responsive to items B and C of the Request.

As to the common law portion of the request, while NJ TRANSIT notes your stated interest in the relevant records, we need not engage in the required balancing analysis because this request was fulfilled under OPRA. See Loigman v. Kimmelman, 102 N.J. 198 (1986); Rivera v. Union County Prosecutor's Office, 250 N.J. 124 (2002).

II. Your request assigned **OPRA No. 250708-907073** stated:

Subject: Records Regarding RTC Modeling and Capacity Analysis for Through-Running Alternatives at Penn Station[.]

Pursuant to the NJ Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., this constitutes a formal request for records on behalf of The City Club of New York. This request seeks documentation of the operational analysis underlying through-running conversion alternatives for Penn Station.

Time Period: All responsive records created, prepared, received, or maintained from January 1, 2022, to the date this request is processed.

Requested Records: This request seeks all records related to Rail Traffic Controller (RTC) or equivalent capacity modeling and calculations for proposals involving through-running operations within or minimally expanding the existing Penn Station infrastructure. This specifically includes analyses of concepts advanced by ReThinkNYC or the Tri-State Transportation Campaign.

For this alternative, this request seeks the following categories of records:

(A) Modeling Input & Assumption Files: All documents, spreadsheets, and data files detailing the inputs and assumptions used for any RTC model. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Assumed train consists, types, and acceleration/deceleration profiles.
- Assumed minimum and average platform dwell times for each service type.
- Service plans detailing train routes, headways, and schedules for peak and off-peak periods.
- The complete analysis, including all underlying data and models, for the "Doubling Trans-Hudson Train Capacity at New York Penn Station Feasibility Study," released on or about October 2/3, 2024.

(B) Raw Model and Output Files: The complete RTC model files themselves and all resultant output data files, reports, and logs generated by the software, including but not limited to conflict analyses, delay simulations, and throughput calculations (expressed in trains per hour).

(C) Summaries, Presentations, and Correspondence: All presentations, memoranda, and internal correspondence discussing or transmitting the results, analysis, or interpretation of the RTC modeling for this alternative. This includes, but is not limited to:

- All materials and underlying models presented by WSP/Foster Nichols at the RPA/MAS Public Forum on or about August 5, 2024.
- All email correspondence and memoranda between NJ TRANSIT personnel and representatives from Amtrak, the MTA, or WSP discussing the study's methodology and conclusions regarding through-running.

Please be advised that NJ TRANSIT does not possess records responsive to this Request.

Regarding the portion of item C seeking correspondence, please be advised that requests for correspondence must identify the individuals or accounts to be searched, a specific subject matter, and be confined to a reasonable time period. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g). Item C of your Request does not contain the specificity required and is therefore denied. Ibid.

As to the common law portion of the request, while NJ TRANSIT notes your stated interest in the relevant records, we need not engage in the required balancing analysis because NJ TRANSIT does not possess any records responsive to this request. See Loigman, 102 N.J. 198; Rivera, 250 N.J. 124.

III. Your request assigned **OPRA No. 250708-907079** stated:

Subject: Records Regarding RTC Modeling and Capacity Analysis for the Penn Station South/Annex Expansion Alternative

Pursuant to the NJ Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., this constitutes a formal request for records on behalf of The City Club of New York. This request seeks documentation of the operational analysis underlying proposals for a southern expansion of Penn Station.

Time Period: All responsive records created, prepared, received, or maintained from January 1, 2020, to the date this request is processed.

Requested Records: This request seeks all records related to Rail Traffic Controller (RTC) or equivalent capacity modeling and calculations for any proposal that includes new tracks in a terminal annex south of the existing Penn Station complex (e.g., south of West 31st Street), including the "Hybrid" and "Southern Expansion" concepts presented to SWAG in January 2025.

For this alternative, this request seeks the following categories of records:

(A) Modeling Input & Assumption Files: All documents, spreadsheets, and data files detailing the inputs and assumptions used for any RTC model. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Assumed train consists, types, and acceleration/deceleration profiles.
- Assumed minimum and average platform dwell times for each service type.
- Service plans detailing train routes, headways, and schedules for peak and off-peak periods.

- All underlying analysis from NJ Transit's Penn Station Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP) Final Report (January 2020) that informed southern expansion concepts.

(B) Raw Model and Output Files: The complete RTC model files themselves and all resultant output data files, reports, and logs generated by the software, including but not limited to conflict analyses, delay simulations, and throughput calculations (expressed in trains per hour).

(C) Summaries, Presentations, and Correspondence: All presentations, memoranda, and internal NJ TRANSIT correspondence discussing or transmitting the results, analysis, or interpretation of the RTC modeling for this alternative, including all materials prepared for the Station Working Advisory Group (SWAG) meetings.

Please be advised that NJ TRANSIT does not possess records responsive to this request.

As to the common law portion of the request, while NJ TRANSIT notes your stated interest in the relevant records, we need not engage in the required balancing analysis because NJ TRANSIT does not possess any records responsive to this request. See Loigman, 102 N.J. 198; Rivera, 250 N.J. 124.

Based upon the foregoing, these matters are closed. If you have any questions, please contact our office at OPRA@njtransit.com.

Very truly yours,

OPRA Unit
Office of the General Counsel

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Encl.