THE REGION DOESN'T END AT PENN.

More places to live. More of the region within reach.

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Through-running means stopping at Penn, letting people off and on, then continuing in passenger service to the other side.[5]

Build cross-Penn connections into daily life. Run frequent trains in both directions and integrate fares across the railroads.

350,000

New homes targeted over five years in NYC's draft housing strategy, with all 59 community districts contributing.[1]

Build the homes. Connect them to the region.

DEMAND A REGIONAL RAIL COMMITMENT

Build through-running at Penn. Adopt a joint service plan within 12 months, fund the first phase, and set opening dates. Pair better rail with affordable homes and tenant protections.

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CONNECT THE REGION. DELIVER THE SERVICE.

A DIRECT CONNECTION ACROSS PENN

On a through-service, the passenger stays aboard across Penn instead of changing trains.[5] Build that connection into the regional timetable, with frequent service all day.

PUT THE STATION TO WORK

Through-running reduces the time and operating work of turning trains at the platform.[5] FRA's capacity framework pairs it with faster platform clearance, fewer track conflicts, and disciplined operations.[4]

MAKE REGIONAL RAIL PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Run trains for early shifts, evening classes, medical appointments, family visits, and weekends. Deliver affordable fares, accessible trips, and homes near stations with strong tenant protections.

PUT THESE REQUESTS TO GOVERNORS AND RAIL AGENCIES

Plan: adopt a joint regional service plan within 12 months.

Fund: the trains, station work, and operations for through-service.

Deliver: set opening dates and name the agencies responsible.

Connect: better rail with homes, jobs, and tenant protections.

TAKE THIS DEMAND TO YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

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