



MOYNIHAN TRAIN HALL

The New Home of Amtrak in New York City



Amtrak, in partnership with the Empire State Development (State of New York) created the new home of Amtrak in New York City at Moynihan Train Hall.

The Moynihan Train Hall expands the nation's busiest train station, Penn Station, New York into the historic James A. Farley Post Office building to relieve crowding and improve passenger comfort and security. The Farley Post Office building sits across 8th Avenue from Penn Station and was designed by the same architecture firm, McKim, Mead, and White, as the original, iconic Penn Station.

The Moynihan Train Hall offers enhanced passenger facilities for Amtrak's Northeast Corridor (NEC) and long-distance travelers, including accessibility for passengers with disabilities, all within a grand Train Hall featuring a sky lit atrium approximately the size of the Grand Central Terminal's Main Hall. In concert with the forthcoming renovation of Penn Station, to better serve commuter rail passengers and Amtrak's intercity passenger arrivals, expansion of Amtrak's passenger services into the new Moynihan Train Hall relieves existing station crowding and improves passenger comfort and security.



Project Summary

Timeline: Phase II was completed in 2020, and opened to the public on Jan. 1, 2021

Funding: RRIF Loan backed by NEC revenues (Amtrak Portion)

Partners: Empire State Development Corporation, Moynihan Station Development Corporation, Amtrak, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, MTA Long Island Rail Road, the Port Authority of NY & NJ, the Related Companies and Vornado Realty Trust



PROJECT BENEFITS



Improved passenger
comfort and security



Accessibility for
customers with
disabilities



Complimentary Wi-Fi
in all customer spaces



Dedicated lactation
lounge for
nursing mothers

Moynihan Train Hall Construction Phasing

The Moynihan Train Hall was constructed in two phases. Phase I, totally reimagined the “West End Concourse,” providing new stairs and elevators to platforms, a much wider, well-lit passenger circulation space with several new train information boards and escalators connecting to a modern new entrance across 8th Avenue from Penn Station.

Phase II, created the Moynihan Train Hall, a world-class intercity and commuter passenger boarding concourse for Amtrak and MTA Long Island Rail Road passengers. The facility, combining the grandeur of the original Penn Station with state-of-the-art technologies and customer amenities, provides more spacious boarding conditions for Amtrak’s intercity passengers and MTA Long Island Rail Road commuter rail passengers.

Accommodations include a dramatically larger boarding concourse that bathes in sunlight from the 92-foot-high skylights; combined ticketing and baggage services; a new, upgraded Metropolitan Lounge (formerly ClubAcela); a new reserved customer waiting room with restrooms accessible only to ticketed customers, and premium retail and food shops.



The Metropolitan Lounge is a premium lounge space where customers can relax and enjoy comfortable lounge seating, expanded food and beverage offerings, private restrooms, complimentary Wi-Fi, and access to a business center. Dedicated Customer Service Agents are available to assist with reservations, ticketing, baggage and local information. Metropolitan Lounge guests receive priority boarding.