



## **ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** The impact of Amtrak's New York Penn Station Infrastructure Renewal Program on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR), and New York commuters.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the hearing is to gather information on Amtrak's Penn Station Infrastructure Renewal Program, its effect on the MTA and the LIRR, and any contingency plans being considered to minimize negative impacts on commuters.

**May 11, 2017  
11:00 AM  
Assembly Hearing Room  
250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19th Floor  
New York, NY**

**ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY**

**ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES**

In the wake of two recent derailments at Penn Station, one of the busiest rail stations in the country, Amtrak announced that it will undertake an Infrastructure Renewal Program, which will include a series of major track and switch renewal projects at Penn Station. Instead of performing incremental upgrades over the course of several years as was originally planned, Amtrak plans to shorten the time for the proposed work by rapidly advancing a series of projects starting in May and continuing through the fall of this year. This could lead to track closures and delays for other entities that utilize Penn Station, such as the MTA and the LIRR.

This hearing is an opportunity for the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions to gain an understanding of Amtrak's Infrastructure Renewal Program and its effect on the MTA and the LIRR. The Committee will hear from Amtrak on how it plans to coordinate with the MTA and the LIRR to minimize disruptions, while it manages daily operations and maintains safety. Additionally, the Committee will seek comment from transportation advocates on how the Penn Station Program and subsequent delays will impact everyday riders.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee for the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Fifteen copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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**Jeffrey Dinowitz  
Member of Assembly  
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Committee on Corporations,  
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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing are requested to complete this reply form **as soon as possible** and mail or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the public hearing on the impact of Amtrak's Penn Station repairs on the MTA and New York commuters.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. I will answer any questions that may arise. I will provide 15 copies of my prepared statement.
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