# Brewster Yard & Southeast Station and Parking Improvements

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# Program Goals: Brewster Yard & Southeast Station Parking Improvements

Currently Brewster train yard is at capacity and cannot accommodate the future fleet and operations required to support Metro-North (MNR) Harlem Line long-term ridership growth. MNR sets forth to accomplish the following goals to meet the demand:

- Relocate the existing Southeast Station parking into a new parking facility, east of the station within the Metro-North's, 52-acre property:
  - Improve customer service and traffic circulation with more convenient, expanded parking and intermodal access.
- Expand and modernize Brewster Yard to support long-term ridership growth:
  - Extend the existing yard to the north into the current Southeast Parking footprint after the new parking facility is complete.
- Improve Southeast Station's overpass, platform, and canopy to enhance its aesthetics, safety and amenities.



## Three-Phased Program Approach



## PHASE I – Parking Facility, Access and Station Improvements

#### Major project elements:

- Construct a new 1,000 plus space garage to replace the existing surface parking lots at Southeast Station.
- Construct a new fly-over bridge that will connect Independent Way to the new parking facility.
- **Extend the existing pedestrian overpass** to the new parking facility.
- Pedestrian Access from the parking facility to the northern end of island platform is being planned; existing track curvature may have an impact.
- Provide convenient **Kiss & Ride**, **Drop-off/Pick-up Zones** within the parking facility.
- Construct **intermodal facilities** including local bus connections.
- Rehabilitate the existing Southeast Station.



Integrate station enhancements & customer service initiatives in the station improvements.

# PHASE I – Southeast Station Improvements

### New and improved connections at the station:

- Provide consistency & balance in the architecture at Southeast, so that its elements are similar to other MNR stations that have been upgraded (White Plains, Crestwood, Harlem 125<sup>th</sup> St.)
- Enhance the Vibrancy, Wayfinding, Safety, Comfort, and Readability qualities of the various station elements.



White Plains Station Island Platform



# Station Improvements Initiatives

- Upgrade existing Southeast Station and include the following station improvement initiatives:
  - Wood Ceiling Soffit and Lighting
  - Leaning Bars
  - Wood and Stainless Steel Benches
  - Platform Shelters



Information Totems



Enhanced overpass at Riverdale Station :

Information Totems

# Customer Service Initiatives

#### Upgrades to customer information systems:

- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)
- Digital Customer Signs
- Public Address
- Elevator Management System

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Platform Display at Harlem 125<sup>th</sup> Street

## Phase II: New North Yard Construction

#### Phase II: Construct a new North Yard

#### **Highlights**

- Construct four (4) new additional storage tracks, each to hold 10-12 train car consists.
- Provide new, efficient fueling, sanding and servicing facilities for diesel and electric train sets.
- Provide 480V AC Stand-by Power to reduce locomotive engine idling.



## Phase III : South Yard Improvements

#### Phase III: Reconfigure Existing South Yard

#### **Highlights**

- Modify track alignments and increase track spacing to improve yard operations and train servicing.
- Increase track lengths to accommodate longer trains.



# Key Engineering/Design Tasks

In order to progress the Brewster Improvement Project, MNR has contracted Henningson, Durham and Richardson (HDR) Architecture and Engineering to complete the following:

- Conduct Environmental and Traffic Studies that will analyze and refine the full scope of the Parking Improvements and Yard Expansion.
- Prepare Preliminary Design documents to advance Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III for Design-Build project deliveries.



### Schedule (Preliminary Design by HDR)

Phase	Scope	Start	Completion
Phase IA	Environmental and Traffic Studies	10 / 2019	04 / 2021
Phase IB	<ul> <li>Preliminary Design:</li> <li>Parking Facility &amp; Access Improvements</li> <li>Station Enhancements</li> </ul>	04 / 2021	04 / 2022
Phase II & Phase III	Preliminary Design: North & South Yards	04 / 2022	04 / 2023



## Phase IA – Traffic Studies

## Traffic Studies

- Parking Demand
- Origin and Destination
- **Traffic Analysis**





# Phase IA– Environmental

## Environmental Studies

- Environmental Site Assessment
- Wetland Impacts
- Water Quality and Hydrology
- Air Quality
- Noise and Vibration Impacts
- Habitat
- Historical and Archaeological Resources



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## Schedule Projections (Design-Build)

Phase	Scope	Start	Completion
Phase I	<ul> <li>Construction:</li> <li>Parking Facility &amp; Access Bridge</li> <li>New North Overpass</li> <li>Improvements:</li> <li>Station and Existing Overpass</li> </ul>	10 / 2022*	10 / 2025
Phase II**	<b>Construction:</b> New North Yard	10 / 2025	07 / 2028
Phase III**	<b>Reconfiguration:</b> South Yard	07 / 2028	04 / 2031

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\* Construction start time anticipated earlier as preliminary design may be accelerated.

\*\* Funding anticipated in future Capital Plan

## Summary: Project Benefits

#### Safety/Operations:

- Improving the station environment with upgraded amenities, customer information, surveillance and monitoring systems, transparency and LED lighting will enhance safety, and security while adding to the comfort of MNR customers.
- Reconfiguring the yard will add more storage tracks for optimum, safe, and efficient train movements; expanding the yard to the north will provide modernized one-stop train servicing facilities.

#### Customer Satisfaction/Service Reliability

- The yard upgrade and expansion will improve future capacity on the Harlem Line in conjunction with power, signal, and fleet improvements.
- Consolidating all the parking in a garage closer to the overpass will shorten the walk-time to the station and provide weather protection to our customers, and their vehicles.

#### Environmental/Sustainability:

- The Intermodal Area will provide improved access for connecting services and increased capacity from the Southeast area, removing vehicles from the congested roadways
- Providing stand-by power will reduce idling of diesel locomotives; ultimately reduce fuel costs, decrease noise pollution to surrounding communities as well as any harmful emissions to the environment.

#### Ridership/Revenue/Cost Reduction:

- Expanding the yard will meet ridership demand forecasts on the Harlem Line and throughout the region; will allow a calculated reduction in equipment moves between New York City and Southeast.
- Increase in the net parking spaces will help meet the waitlist demand.

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# Next Steps

#### Project Coordination with Town of Southeast & Other Stakeholders

- Traffic Analysis: Request for information regarding Town Planning, Growth & Development
- Establish Point of Contact with Town of Southeast
- Request Relevant Record Documents
  - Storm Water Management
  - Potable Water System
  - Environmental
  - Other

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# Questions

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