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RICHARD ANDERSON DISCUSSES NEW REPORT

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Building Congress of New York President Richard Anderson discusses a report released this morning detailing the need for transportation infrastructure improvements to match the growing population.

The report focuses on four core projects.

Completing Moynihan Station

Building the Amtrack Gateway Project

Creating West Side Access for the Metro-North Railroad

Completing the Penn Station Vision Study and Plan For Its Implementation

Anderson said many of the goals on their list are rather small investments in terms of transportation costs.

"In terms of money, the second phase of Moynihan station which creates the concourse area is only about \$700 million so that could get underway rather quickly because we are doing phase one now. Fixing up Penn Station itself is a little over a billion dollars so that not is a huge lift. And bringing Metro North is not much more than a billion dollars or so," Anderson said.

Anderson said the most complicated project is creating a new tunnel for Amtrack trains which would cost around \$14 billion. But, he said that cost should be a joint investment between the federal, state and city government.