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 *Richard T. Anderson, president of the New York Building Congress, responds to a news article, "Progress on an Annex to Penn Station."* [nytimes.com/opinion](http://www.nytimes.com/opinion)

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Fixing Penn Station

To the Editor: Re "Progress on an Annex to Penn Station" (news article, Aug. 27):

While tangible progress on a new Moynihan Station is encouraging (and long overdue), it represents just one of four components necessary to alleviate the country's most congested and overtaxed commuter rail system.

To make a meaningful difference, Moynihan must be combined with the construction of new rail tunnels under the Hudson River, creation of Metro-North access to Penn Station and a reimagining and reconfiguration of the current Penn Station.

Together, these interrelated investments would eliminate millions of hours of frustrating commuting times, generate billions of dollars of new economic activity, create thousands of jobs, substantially reduce traffic emissions, and unlock the full potential of Far West Side development.

Moving ahead on these four core projects, however, will require billions of dollars in financial support and unprecedented levels of collaboration among New York City, state and federal officials. Most of all, it requires a sense of urgency that has thus far eluded us.

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