NEW EAST END GATEWAY AT PENN STATION











ABOUT THE PROJECT

MTA Construction & Development (MTA C&D) and the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) have completed the East End Gateway (EEG) project at Penn Station. The project provides much-needed direct access to the LIRR Main Concourse and NYC Transit subway lines via 33rd Street and 7th Avenue.

The new East End Gateway comprises architectural features that elevate the Penn Station experience. It includes 3 new state-of-theart escalators equipped with smart features such as heaters to ensure operation during cold weather and a "sleep mode" that will save energy and increase their longevity. The glass and steel canopy at the street level allows natural light to filter down into the LIRR Concourse and affords views of the Empire State Building from the ascending escalators. The canopy has decorative LED lighting and a curved ceiling with a customized 1,988-square-foot map graphic depicting the greater New York Metropolitan region.

East End Gateway was finished on-time despite the COVID-19 pandemic, through rigorous protocols and implementation of industry-leading safety practices. Using an innovative design-build approach, construction was completed without disruption to train service and with minimal impact to the overall passenger experience. East End Gateway is Phase I of a larger Penn Station transformation project. Phase II entails the widening & improving of the LIRR Main Concourse – with targeted completion in Q1 of 2023.

