Sunnyside Yard is one of the busiest rail yards in the country.

- **Key hub for Amtrak’s Northeast Corridor**, also serving **New Jersey Transit** and **Long Island Railroad**
- **Built in 1910** by Pennsylvania Railroad, the Yard has been a critical piece of railroad infrastructure for over a century
- **800 trains run through the Yard each day** to Penn Station, with even more coming through the Yard once Penn Station Access links MetroNorth to Penn and East Side Access connects LIRR to Grand Central Terminal

The **Sunnyside Yard Master Plan** will be a long-term (30, 50, 100+ years) planning document that guides the future of this area by providing a vision for building over the Yard while preserving rail infrastructure. Master plans are a common tool in cities around the world to ensure neighborhoods plan and grow in thoughtful, sustainable, and inclusive ways.

**Why Sunnyside Yard? Why Now?**

Amtrak and MTA are undertaking **critical capital investments** in Sunnyside Yard’s rail infrastructure – a once in a century process – offering a unique moment for the City to coordinate **long-term planning** for the future of the Yard.

At 180 acres, Sunnyside Yard is located in the center of NYC, offering an opportunity to provide much needed open space, affordable housing, new jobs, and a plan for long-term sustainability.
Sunnyside Yard Master Plan
Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a plan for Sunnyside Yard? What will be built there?
There is no set plan. This is a community-driven master planning process to create a plan of what should be built here over many decades.

Who is creating the Master Plan?
The City and Amtrak are facilitating the overall Master Planning Process, working with a multidisciplinary technical team, guided by community engagement and the Sunnyside Yard Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is a group of 40+ Citywide and local stakeholders including elected officials, local community leaders, civic organizations, and institutions.

What is the Sunnyside Yard Feasibility Study?
• What was the purpose?
The Sunnyside Yard Feasibility Study, released in 2017, for the first time sought to determine whether it was technically possible to deck over the rail yard and build structures – such as parks, housing, institutions, retail, and community spaces – on top.

• What were the findings?
The Feasibility Study revealed that building a deck is technically possible over the majority of the Yard – about 80%.

• How does it differ from the Master Planning Process?
The study did not propose a plan. It used hypothetical cases to test the feasibility of building a deck. The Master Plan builds off the technical findings of the Feasibility Study and takes a fresh look at the site in partnership with the rail agencies, and local and regional stakeholders.

When will Sunnyside Yard be built?
The short answer is, we don’t know yet. As part of the Master Planning Process, we will be identifying the scope and timing for a series of early phases with input from local stakeholders. Anything built over Sunnyside Yard will be done incrementally in many phases over several decades.

How will Sunnyside Yard affect infrastructure in Western Queens (e.g. transportation, electrical grid, sewage, etc.)?
Long-term planning for Sunnyside Yard is not a substitute for other near-term investments in transportation infrastructure, schools, housing, and other needs. In October 2018, the City committed $180M to addressing immediate needs in the Long Island City neighborhood and is working on implementation. Sunnyside Yard would open up new land for alleviating some of the existing pressures and could offer new solutions.

How will Sunnyside Yard be financed?
In parallel with the design and engineering analysis, the team is exploring financing mechanisms and partnerships that can support a wide range of community needs, such as housing options, open space, public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, educational facilities, and jobs. The final Master Plan will identify the appropriate balance between different funding mechanisms to deliver thoughtful, responsible development that is responsive to community needs.

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