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Potential New Connections To LaGuardia Airport

New York, NY: This week, MTA officials unveiled a series of proposals for linking up New York's transit network with LaGuardia Airport, including commuter rail, subway, or buses. This follows Governor Kathy Hochul putting a pause on the LaGuardia AirTrain led by former Governor Andrew Cuomo, and her push for an Interborough Express line connecting Brooklyn and Queens, both back in January.

As of now, the MTA and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey are in the stage of soliciting input from the public, after the original AirTrain was widely spurned by transit advocates and even NY Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.



The Interborough Express aims to take advantage of existing unused/underused track to shave commute times for customers who would otherwise have to take a train into Manhattan, and to link with up to 14 existing subway lines.

According to MTA official Mike Schiffer, “there may be some synergy in connecting the two”. One proposal has the connection to LaGuardia (whichever form it may take) and the IBX meet at Jackson Heights.

Yet another proposal involves looking for options in Astoria, the current terminal of the existing N and W lines of the New York City Subway.

Interborough Express concept. Source: mta.info

About the MTA: The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is responsible for providing bus, subway, and commuter rail service within Greater New York. In 1965, Multiple transit agencies merged together under one entity to oversee public transit policy and infrastructure.