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FAA RENDERS DECISION FOR LAGUARDIA AIRTRAIN



A rendering of AirTrain approaching LaGuardia Airport's East station.

Port Authority rendering

This Month's Cover Photo:

SNCB (Belgian National
Railways) Class AM86
Sprinter 903 (La Brugeoise
et Nivelles, 1986) is seen
operating an S5 trip to
Geraardsbergen at the
Boondaal stop in Brussels
on April 30, 2019.
Jeff Erlitz photograph

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued its Record of Decision for the LaGuardia Airport (LGA) AirTrain project, clearing the way for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) to pursue future funding under the Passenger Facility Charge program.

The program allows for the collection of fees added to passenger tickets, proceeds of which can be used on certain qualifying airport projects, subject to FAA approval.

The \$2 billion project would provide a rail transit connection to the final major U.S. airport on the East Coast without one. PANYNJ plans to connect LGA to the New York City Transit Subway 7 line and the Long Island Rail Road Port Washington Branch at Mets-Willets Point. Additionally, there will also be

passenger walkways connecting to the LGA Central Hall, a parking garage connector, public transportation and ground transportation facilities.

The proposed automatic people mover aims to increase reliability of travel times between LaGuardia and New York City, enhance airport access for passengers and employees, reduce nearby off-airport traffic congestion and increase availability of employee parking and expand airport areas for storage of equipment and materials for maintenance activities.

PANYNJ Executive Director Rick Cotton thanked the FAA for conducting "an exhaustive and independent environmental review" and noted the decision is a move that will

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