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Notes from Governor Cuomo's State of the State Address (Day 4):

Infrastructure:

- Gov. again criticized the federal government's inability to provide aid to the state in response to COVID-19
- Gov. discussed the need to improve the state's infrastructure, and projects completed so far
- One priority is to increase mass transit in New York City, first step was the Moynihan Train Hall which has been completed
- One goal is to build new west side transit hub in Manhattan
- Renovating Penn station will be the next goal, eight additional tracks will be added as well, will result in 40% more train capacity
- Two new cross river trains tunnels will be added, which the Gov. said is a project the federal government has been delaying for years
- New project is "Empire Station Complex"
- Javits Center will be expanded by 50%
- 14 building sites are available yielding 20 million square feet for retail development, 1,400 affordable housing units
- Highline will be expanded, pier 76 will be transformed into public park
- Port Authority will be completely renovated
- 196,000 jobs will be created through these projects
- In Rochester, projects will be expanded, I-390 / I-490 interchange will be completed by end of the year
- In Buffalo, will be taking down Skyway, will create a public park
- Elevated park will be created in Albany, will be completed this year
- In the Southern Tier, Binghamton School of Nursing will be created
- In the Mohawk Valley, new Utica hospital being created by 2023
- In the North County, a new mid-station lodge at Whiteface Mountain
- In the Hudson Valley, re-decking of Newburgh-Beacon bridge will be accelerated
- Legoland Park will open in Orange County
- In Central NY, transforming I-81 viaduct in Syracuse, will break ground in 2022
- In Long Island, a complete overhaul of Bay Park outflow system, will end pollution in bays
- Airports across the state will continue to be updated
- The Second Ave. subway will be extended to 125th street, opening up the East side
- Long Island railroad track expansion will be completed in 2022, in addition to station renovations
- \$306 billion total will be invested in infrastructure in NY