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Senator Luis Sepúlveda's Bill to Expand Metro-North Railroad Service Passes New York Senate

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Albany, NY - New York State Senator Luis Sepúlveda is proud to announce that his bill, S6682A, aimed at expanding Metro-North railroad service in the Bronx, has successfully passed the New York Senate. This legislative milestone brings us one step closer to enhancing transportation access and improving the lives of Bronx residents.

The bill, which received bipartisan support, authorizes the City of New York to discontinue a portion of real property as parkland and grant easements for improvements to the railroad right-of-way. Its primary objective is to enable the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to undertake critical improvements associated with the Penn Station Access Project.

Senator Sepúlveda stated, "I am thrilled that my colleagues in the Senate have recognized the importance of this bill and its potential to transform transportation in the Bronx. By expanding Metro-North railroad service, we are opening doors of opportunity for our community, providing them with better access to jobs, education, and other essential services."

The Penn Station Access Project, facilitated by this legislation, will allow Metro-North passengers to travel directly into Penn Station. This development is a significant stride towards improving transportation connectivity and reducing commute times for Bronx residents. It will bring enhanced convenience and accessibility, further strengthening our community.

The bill also includes provisions for technical corrections, addressing typographical errors, and removing easements that are no longer required. These amendments ensure the legislation accurately aligns with the intended scope of the project.

Senator Sepúlveda extends his gratitude to his fellow senators for their support and commitment to improving transportation infrastructure in the Bronx. He looks forward to working closely with members of the Assembly and Governor's Office to advance this crucial bill and bring it to fruition.

This legislative achievement represents a remarkable opportunity for the Bronx, and Senator Sepúlveda remains dedicated to advocating for the needs and aspirations of his constituents. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected future for our community.