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STUNNING NEW HIGH LINE – MOYNIHAN CONNECTOR OPENS TO THE PUBLIC, KNITTING THE WEST SIDE TOGETHER WITH A SAFE, GREEN, AND ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Governor Hochul joins Empire State Development, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Brookfield Properties, and Friends of the High Line to cut the ribbon and open new 600-foot-long elevated path linking Moynihan Train Hall and the High Line

New York, NY (June 21, 2023) —Governor Kathy Hochul today joined Empire State Development, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Brookfield Properties, and Friends of the High Line to cut the ribbon opening the new High Line – Moynihan Connector, a stunning new elevated pathway for pedestrians in the heart of Manhattan. The Connector knits together new public spaces and world class transit amenities surrounding Moynihan Train Hall with the High Line, allowing pedestrians an uninterrupted, accessible and safe path all the way from West Midtown to the West Village. It officially opens to the public tomorrow, June 22.

The 600-foot long, L-shaped High Line – Moynihan Connector completed construction in just 18 months. The Connector has two distinct sections, a richly planted **Woodland Bridge** that runs above West 30th Street from the High Line’s terminus at the Spur, and a block-long **Timber Bridge**, built from sustainably sourced Alaskan Yellow Cedar, that runs north above Dyer Avenue and connects to the public plaza of Brookfield’s Manhattan West development, a vibrant pedestrian promenade leading right to Moynihan Train Hall’s entry at 9th Avenue. The project also includes significant safety improvements at street level, including new pedestrian signals, lighting, crosswalks, refuge islands and large planters.

The Connector is a \$50M public-private partnership among **Friends of the High Line, Empire State Development** and **Brookfield Properties**, running above property owned by **The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey**. Its innovative design was a collaboration between **Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM)** and **James Corner Field Operations**. The Connector is owned by Empire State Development and will be operated and maintained by the Friends of the High Line, with structural maintenance oversight by **AECOM**.



The 1.5-mile High Line is a public park that operates under a license agreement and with partnership from the NYC Parks, which has made the High Line park possible.

"The High Line is an outstanding example of effective public-private partnership, and this latest addition will enhance this attraction for New Yorkers and visitors alike," **Governor Hochul** said. "Thanks to state resources and the combined efforts of Friends of the High Line and Brookfield, the High Line – Moynihan Connector will add 600 feet of new open space to transform one of New York City's busiest neighborhoods. This project is a testament to the power of smart, sustainable design, enhancing one of the most beloved parts of the city, and I encourage New Yorkers and visitors to take advantage of this beautiful new space."

"This is a project that ties neighborhoods and public spaces together. We've heard for years about how inhospitable these streets around the entrance to the Lincoln Tunnel felt for people in the community. Now, the Connector will give our neighbors a safe, green, and inspiring pathway between the High Line and Midtown," said **Alan van Capelle, Executive Director of Friends of the High Line**. "We are so grateful to our partners at the State, Brookfield Properties and the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation for helping us realize this vision."

Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Hope Knight said, "The High Line – Moynihan Connector demonstrates the positive progress that can be achieved when the public, private, and non-profit sectors pursue productive partnerships. Projects that improve the public realm are an investment in New York's future, and thanks to Governor Hochul's support, the High Line – Moynihan Connector will not only benefit commuters, residents, and visitors, but also spur further economic development on Manhattan's West Side."

"The High Line – Moynihan Connector is a major transportation advancement for New York City and a pivotal milestone in the evolution of Manhattan's newest neighborhood," said **Ben Brown, Managing Partner, Brookfield Real Estate**. "Not only does it bridge communities, but also it connects and expands some of New York's most exciting public open spaces in the High Line and Manhattan West Plaza. Governor Hochul and ESD deserve enormous credit for making it happen, and we thank Friends of the High Line and our design and construction partners for their crucial roles."

"The High Line-Moynihan Train Hall Connector is what New York City is all about: making connections," said **New York City Mayor Eric Adams**. "This project is another example of how we are transforming our city and achieving the impossible — linking together neighborhoods, parks, transportation hubs, and businesses for everyone to enjoy. Six months ago, Governor Hochul and I released the 'New' New York report, highlighting the need to build more open spaces in this city. Today's announcement builds on the work we have already begun from Broadway Junction in Brooklyn to Broadway Vision in the heart of Manhattan. I want to thank



all of the partners who made this happen, and who are helping deliver a healthier, greener, and more connected city for all New Yorkers.”

“These gorgeous new bridges are a great example of a public-private partnership working to make our city better for New Yorkers, and I want to congratulate Empire State Development, Brookfield Properties, and Friends of the High Line on the completion of the Connector,” said **NYC Parks Commissioner Sue Donoghue**. “Our partnerships, at the High Line and across the city, are integral in our efforts to expand, maintain, and promote our city’s parks and greenspaces, and I’m so excited to welcome New Yorkers to the city’s newest open space.”

High Line – Moynihan Connector Key Facts:

- Public-private partnership launched in 2021
- Funding provided by Empire State Development (\$20M), Brookfield Properties (\$20M), and Friends of the High Line (\$10M)
- Land owned by The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- Design commenced February 2021
- Groundbreaking February 2022
- Construction Manager: Turner Construction Company
- Designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) and James Corner Field Operations

Timber Bridge

- 260 feet in length
- Runs above Dyer Avenue between West 31st and West 30th Streets
- Wooden truss bridge weighing 128 tons
- Composed of 163 sustainably sourced Alaskan Yellow Cedar beams that were assembled on-site and lifted into place in May

Woodland Bridge

- 340 feet in length
- Runs above West 30th Street between 10th Avenue and Dyer Avenue
- Planted with 63 trees, 90 shrubs, and more than 5,200 grasses and perennials

The two bridges have their own architectural and structural expression and experience, and they are aesthetically united by a warm material palette of weathered steel decking and bronze handrails. The intersection of the two bridges creates a special moment of pause, allowing the visitor’s orientation to shift from east-west to north-south while moving from an immersive woodland experience to an immersive timber experience. The planting on the Woodland Bridge shifts from high to low to create a varied expression as visitors move in each direction. The dynamic landscape allows pedestrians to see the timber structure rise over the diagonal pathway, creating a visual link to the trees in Manhattan West’s public spaces for a distinct sense of place while guiding pedestrians to their destinations on both sides.

“The High Line – Moynihan Connector knits the city’s open spaces together—bringing greater



accessibility to pedestrians across Midtown West's major public amenities," said **SOM Design Principal Kim Van Holsbeke, AIA, LEED AP**. "Both the Timber Bridge and the Woodland Bridge have distinct identities, and expand the High Line's rich tapestry of experiences. When walking from Moynihan Train Hall, through Manhattan West, across the two bridges, and to the historic High Line, travelers, residents, and commuters experience an episodic journey through some of the best civic spaces that New York has to offer."

"Inspired by the eclectic character of the West Side and the High Line, the new Connector offers yet another kind of urban experience and promenade for the area," said **James Corner, RLA, FASLA, Founder & CEO of Field Operations**. "The design creates a sequential journey from one context to another, combining surprising industrial features and materials with lush woodland vegetation and directed vistas across the city. This new and vital pedestrian walk connects Midtown to the High Line and the West Side with a heightened sense of drama, spectacle, and delight."

[Photos of the new High Line – Moynihan Connector](#) (Credit Andrew Frasz, courtesy of Friends of the High Line)

About the High Line

The High Line is both a nonprofit organization and a public park on the West Side of Manhattan. Through our work with communities on and off the High Line, we're devoted to reimagining the role public spaces have in creating connected, healthy neighborhoods and cities. Built on a historic, elevated rail line, the High Line was always intended to be more than a park. You can walk through gardens, view art, experience a performance, savor delicious food, or connect with friends and neighbors—all while enjoying a unique perspective of New York City. Nearly 100% of our annual budget comes through donations from people like you, who help us operate, maintain, and program the park. The High Line is owned by the City of New York and we operate under a license agreement with NYC Parks. Learn more at thehighline.org.

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