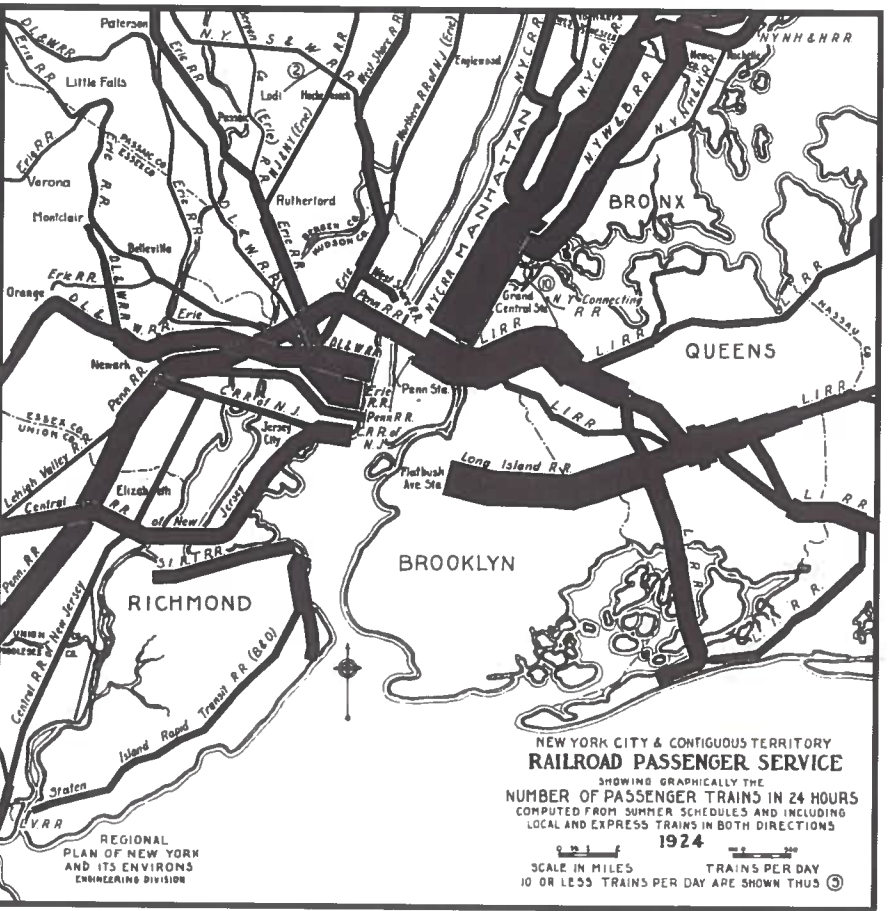


Project G: Establish an Extensive Light Rail Network in New Jersey

New Jersey's Legacy Rail

Secaucus Junction is surrounded by legacy rail lines that are able to provide rail access within New Jersey and throughout the region. The New Jersey coast has seen a lot of development in recent years, but without adequate access to rail, developments are disconnected, which stymies further growth.

In the early 1900s, there were eight Hudson waterfront terminals serving the various railroads in the region. With the decline of rail in the past century, most lines have been rerouted into Penn Station, eliminating the resiliency and redundancy of the railroad network that once existed.



Left: 1924 passenger service (trains per hour) of railroads in the New York region.
Image Credit: Regional Plan of New York and Its Environs, Engineering Division

NJ Transit's 2020 Plan

In 2001, NJ Transit created a 2020 Plan with various projects that restored legacy rail lines throughout New Jersey. These projects, however, lacked a cohesiveness that the ReThinkNYC plan provides with Secaucus Junction's connectivity with regional rail. ReThinkNYC's plan establishes a light rail network that makes use of the abundance of abandoned rights-of-way throughout eastern New Jersey, and creates a critical hub at Secaucus Junction where transfer to regional rail is available.

Right: Map of NJ Transit's 2020 Plan.
Image Credit: NJ Transit

