



Penn Station to Undergo £8 Billion Revamp with New Design

Description

Manhattan's Pennsylvania Station gets a new design plan. The original station was torn down in 1963. It was a big and beautiful train station. A sports arena, Madison Square Garden, was built in its place. New train areas became small and dark.

Now, there is a new vision for the station. The plan shows large stone columns and a bright space. The ceilings would be high, and there would be a big clock. This design wants to bring back the beauty of the first station from 1910.

The project will cost about £8 billion. Work is set to start before the end of 2027. During this time, the station will stay open. Over 600,000 people use Penn Station each day. This is more than the main airports in New York.

Madison Square Garden will stay in its place. Some parts above the train tracks will be removed. The plans are still being discussed. Many people want to know more about these changes. Some are excited, but others worry about traffic during construction.

Vocabulary List:

1. **original** //ə'ɹɪdʒənəl// (adjective): first one; not changed since the beginning
2. **vision** //ˈvɪʒən// (noun): an idea of how something should look
3. **columns** //ˈkɒləmz// (noun): tall, round supports that hold up a ceiling
4. **ceilings** //ˈsi:lɪŋz// (noun): top inside part of a room
5. **project** //ˈprɒdʒekt// (noun): a planned piece of work or task
6. **construction** //kən'strʌkʃən// (noun): work to build something, like a building

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What year was the original Pennsylvania Station torn down?
Option: 1960
Option: 1963



Option: 1970

Option: 1980

2. What sports arena was built in place of the original Pennsylvania Station?

Option: Madison Square Garden

Option: Barclays Center

Option: Staples Center

Option: United Center

3. What is the anticipated cost of the new design project for Pennsylvania Station?

Option: £5 billion

Option: £6 billion

Option: £8 billion

Option: £10 billion

4. When is work on the new design set to start?

Option: 2025

Option: 2026

Option: 2027

Option: 2028

5. How many people use Penn Station each day?

Option: 300,000

Option: 400,000

Option: 500,000

Option: 600,000

6. What do the new design plans for Pennsylvania Station include?

Option: A large swimming pool

Option: High ceilings and a big clock

Option: Shopping malls

Option: Underground parking

True-False

7. Madison Square Garden will be removed during the renovations.

8. The original Pennsylvania Station was built in 1910.



9. The new design aims to bring back the beauty of the original station.
10. The new train areas are described as bright and spacious.
11. More people use Penn Station each day than the main airports in New York.
12. Work on the new station will disrupt its current operations.

Gap-Fill

13. The original Pennsylvania Station was torn down in _____.
14. Madison Square Garden was built in place of the original station, making the new train areas small and _____.
15. The new design plans show large stone columns and a _____.
16. Work on the station is set to start before the end of _____.
17. Over 600,000 people use Penn Station each day, which is more than the main _____ in New York.
18. Some parts above the train tracks will be _____ during the renovation process.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 1963 2. Madison Square Garden 3. £8 billion 4. 2027 5. 600,000 6. High ceilings and a big clock

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. 1963 14. dark 15. bright space 16. 2027 17. airports 18. removed

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