

## Amtrak NYC - Scranton By 2028?

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DEL. WATER GAP - We made this cut. Service could start before 2028, IF we stay on the list.

Join this group to read the upcoming press coverage, follow along and ask questions: <https://www.facebook.com/.../lackawannacutoffhistoricalco...>

Read the full report by clicking the Adobe link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/I80DWGCoalition/permalink/2138216439952683/?mibextid=uJjRxr>

It is not a done deal. This means we have been selected for continued consideration.

A FEW POINTS FROM THE 38 PAGE MARCH ANALYSIS:

3 round trips per day. New stations to be built in our area:

Blairstown

East Stroudsburg

Mount Pocono

Scranton – Delaware

Water Gap: This 60-mile

segment is mostly owned

by PNRRA with approxi-

mately a mile owned by

NPS in Scranton. The

infrastructure is pres-

ently Class 2 track (25

mph maximum freight

speed/30 mph maximum

passenger speed) with-

out signaling and oper-

ated by the short-line

railroad Delaware-Lack-

awanna (D-L), under

contract with PNRRA.

Track would be upgraded

to Federal Railroad Ad-

ministration (FRA) track

classes 3 and 4 to in-

crease speeds, and sig-

nals and a Positive Train

Control (PTC) system

would be installed.

Delaware Water Gap

– Andover: This 20-mile

segment is owned by

PNRRA and the State

of New Jersey and cur-

rently has no track. New

track is proposed to be

constructed to FRA Class

4 or 6 (which allow maxi-

mum passenger train

speeds of 80 or 110 mph

respectively); this segment has very long sections of tangent track that support higher speeds and

could be constructed to meet the 110 mph Class 6 track standard. Signals and a PTC system would

be installed.

Capital Costs for the Lackawanna Cut-Off. This report does not provide capital costs for restoration

of about a mile of PNRRA's abandoned right-of-way leading to the Delaware River viaduct<sup>2</sup>, the Dela-

ware River viaduct, and all assets in New Jersey. Separate from this study, PNRRA commissioned

a report by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. dated December 2019, which approximates, from comparing

other railroad construction projects, a capital cost to rebuild the Lackawanna Cut-Off between And-

over and the Delaware Water Gap. The remainder of the route between Andover and New York Penn

Station uses existing or planned passenger rail infrastructure without further improvements.

Our group is neither for nor against this project. We share about it because, from Columbia through

the DWG, it overlaps into parts of our mission to: help the NJDOT address the current known safety


issues of the I-80 DWG Corridor, ensure any construction in this area respects the natural beauty and

the historical, cultural and recreational significance of Mount Tammany, keep traffic flowing during


construction. Stop The Wall.

### Scranton-New York City Intercity Passenger Rail Analysis Infrastructure Assessment

SCRANTON – DELAWARE WATER GAP SECTION




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