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New midtown vision wins support

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A revamped midtown west inched closer to reality yesterday with the unveiling of plans for a new Madison Square Garden, train station at the Farley Post Office and towering office buildings.

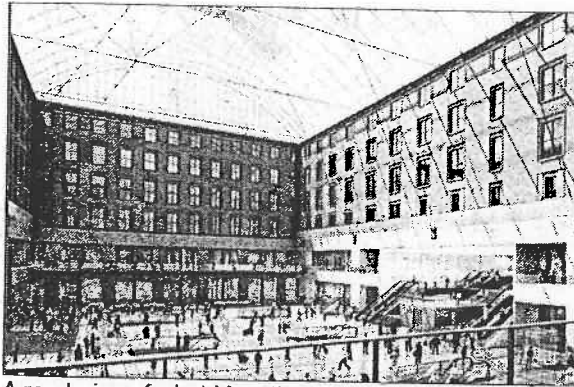
The plans were met with a chorus of approval from

elected officials and local advocacy groups, even though some called them short on specifics.

Now, citizens and neighbors can get their say, with the kickoff of a public review process on the Empire State Development Corporation's Web site. Comments will be accepted until Dec. 17.

As proposed by the

agency, the Farley Post Office on 8th Avenue will be converted into a new train hub, called Moynihan Station, which would exist alongside the current Penn Station and would be on par with Grand Central Terminal. Madison Square Garden, meanwhile, will be removed from where it sits on top of Penn Station.



A rendering of what Moynihan Station might look like.