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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- January 27, 1960 Downtown Lower Manhattan Association released report proposing the development of a World Trade Center in the Port of New York and recommending that the Port Authority conduct a planning study.
- February 11, 1960 Board of Commissioners authorized the Executive Director to arrange for study.
- September, 1960 Port Authority announces that within the framework of financial limitations and with appropriate legislation it would be able to purchase and rehabilitate the H&M Railroad system.
- January 27, 1961 Following a comprehensive study, the Port Authority announced that it was prepared to undertake the acquisition and modernization of the H&M Railroad following appropriate legislative authorization.
- March, 1961 The H&M Railroad project and World Trade Center project authorization combined by New York Legislature.
- March December, 1961 New Jersey Legislature debates projects.
- January 29, 1962 Port Authority issues report to Legislatures recommending merging of projects on West Side.
- February 13, 1962 Governor Hughes of New Jersey signs Legislation authorizing the Port Authority to finance and effectuate a unified project including the establishment of a World Trade Center on the lower west side of Manhattan and the acquisition and rehabilitation of the H&M Railroad.
- March 27, 1962 Governor Rockefeller of New York signs legislation authorizing the Port Authority to finance and effectuate a unified project including the establishment of a World Trade Center on the lower west side of Manhattan and the acquisition and rehabilitation of the H&M Railroad.

- April 12, 1962 Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to initiate action necessary to accomplish the purposes of the H&M-World Trade Center legislation.
- July 10, 1962 Oral arguments heard by Justice Chimera of New York Supreme

 Court on complaint brought by a number of occupants of Church Street

 Terminal Buildings. Complaint prays that the Hudson Tubes-World Trade

 Center statutes be unconstitutional and void.
- July 26, 1962 New York County Supreme Court Justice Peter A. Quinn presiding in the condemnation part of the Court, granted the Port Authority

 Trans-Hudson Corporation's application to acquire the Hudson Tubes railroad and terminal buildings.
- <u>September 1, 1962</u> The Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (subsidiary of The Port of New York Authority) acquires title and began operation of H&M Railroad system.
- February 19, 1963 Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of

 New York handed down a 3-2 decision that the H&M-World Trade Center

 legislation was unconstitutional.
- February 28, 1963 Oral arguments on Hudson Tubes-World Trade Center case heard by New York State Court of Appeals.
- April 4, 1963 Court of Appeals hands down its 6-1 decision reversing the

 Appellate Division and directing the entry of a declaratory judgement
 that the statute in question was constitutional.