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2024 GALA PROGRAM

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WELCOME

Concetta Anne Bencivenga
Director, New York Transit Museum

DINNER

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Granville T. Woods Award for Innovation
NaviLens

Presented to Javier Pita, CEO

Presented by Kathryn Wylde, President and CEO, Partnership for New York City

1904 Prize for Outstanding Achievement
Mitsubishi Electric

Presented to Eric Pelli, Vice President, Public Utilities Group

Presented by Wynton Habersham, Vice President, Senior Project Director, HNTB

Board Member, Friends of the New York Transit Museum

DESSERT RECEPTION

[The Rooftop can be accessed via the stairs or the elevators]

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The 2024 Friends of the New York Transit Museum Gala was a huge success, bringing together over 500 supporters to celebrate the subway's 120th anniversary and salute our distinguished honorees: Mitsubishi Electric, NavILens, and Susan Gilbert.

Our evening at the Tribeca Rooftop raised \$885,000 — and I'm proud to say that **net proceeds totaled nearly \$700,000, which means that 75% of all funds raised will be going directly to support Museum programs!**

Gala proceeds will make possible exhibits like "The Subway Is...", reflecting on the impact of the subway on New York's development, culture, and identity. These funds will support Access Programs that help neurodivergent teens build social confidence and job skills, and help underwrite education programs that will serve more than 20,000 kids this year.

Visit nytransitmuseum.org to explore our programs and collections, and to learn about upcoming talks, tours, and events.

We look forward to seeing you at the Gala in 2025!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Concetta Anne Bencivenga". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Concetta Anne Bencivenga
Director
New York Transit Museum



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Susan Gilbert is the Board Chair of Friends of the New York Transit Museum. She started her career in public transit as Manager of Media Relations for the New York City Transit Authority in 1979. In 1981, she became one of the first employees of Metro-North Railroad, serving as Director of Public Affairs. With her husband, Eli Gilbert, in 1989 she founded Interactive Elements, Inc., an award-winning transportation consulting company with special accomplishments in operations, safety, and security. Under her leadership, Friends has helped the New York Transit Museum grow to become an anchor cultural and educational resource serving over half a million people every year. **Susan is unable to attend tonight and will receive the Don Harold Award for Service at a later date.*

NAVILENS



Based in Spain, NaviLens has developed a groundbreaking system that helps people who are blind or have low vision navigate public transit systems. Their app uses a computer vision algorithm that interacts with large, colorful QR codes to read out signs and provide arrival information in audio, no cell service or WiFi required. NaviLens's work in New York City was piloted through the Transit Tech Lab, a collaboration between the MTA and the Partnership for New York City, which enables New York's regional transit agencies to address critical transit challenges by applying new technology solutions.

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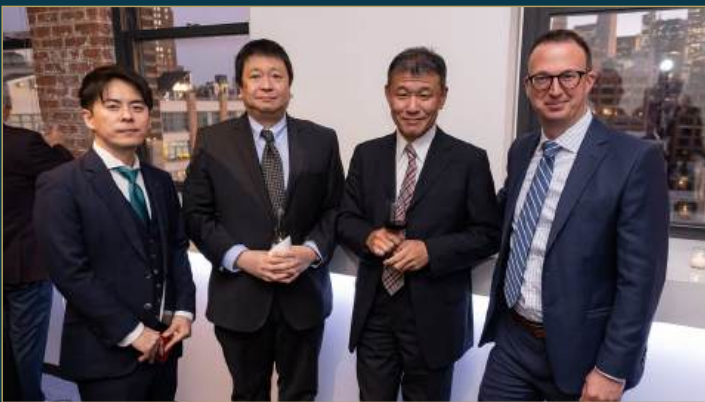
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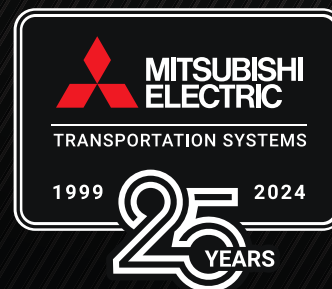
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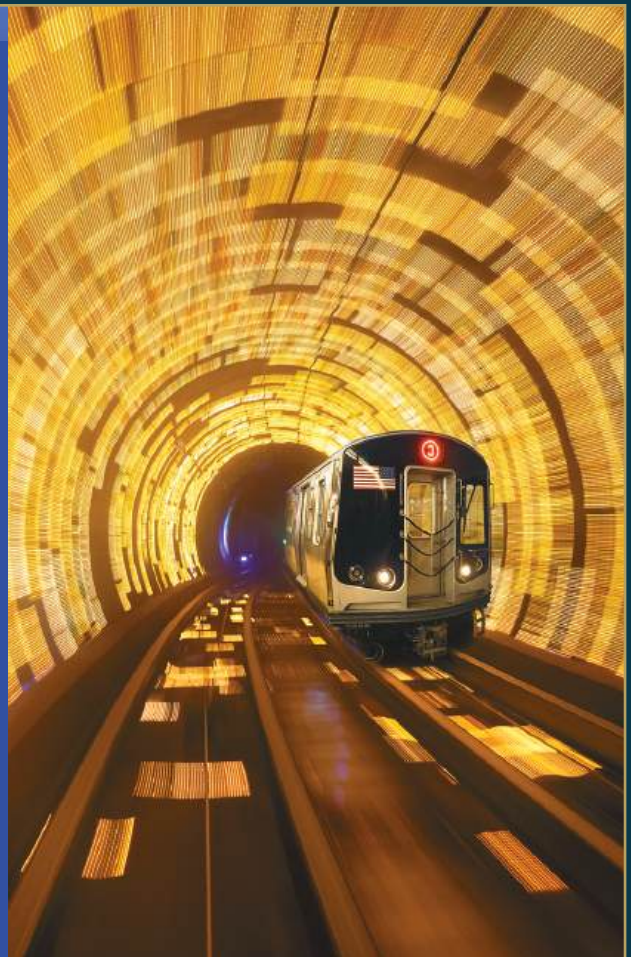


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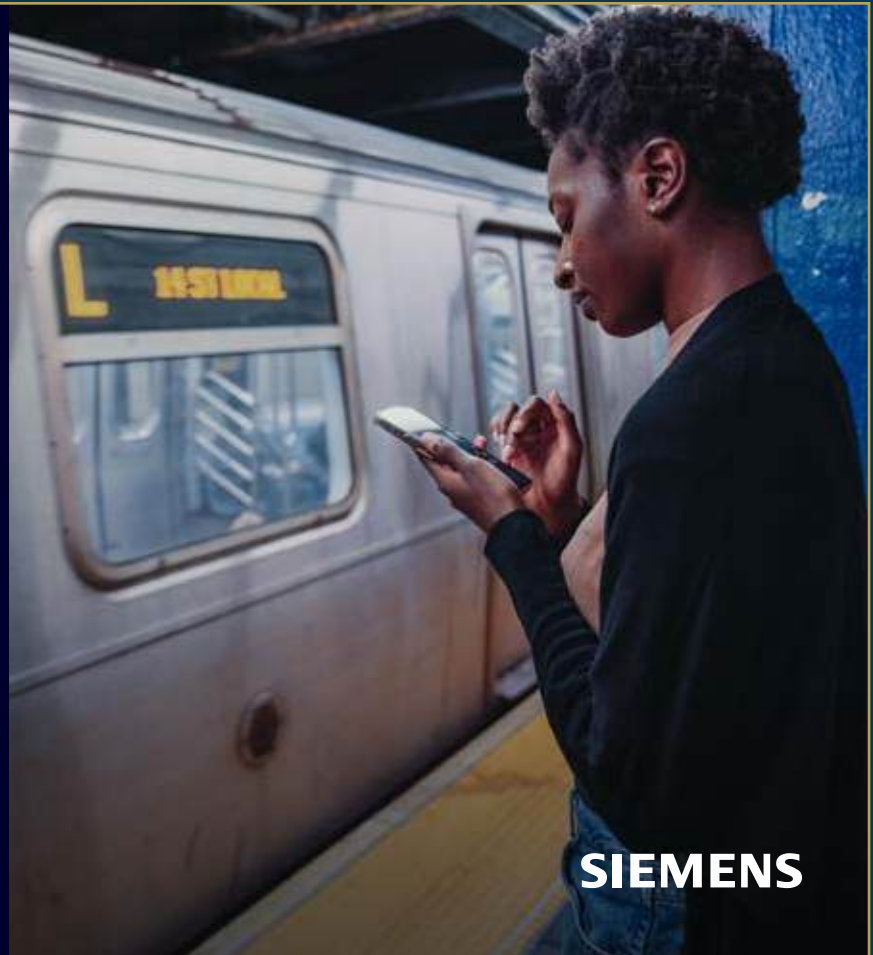
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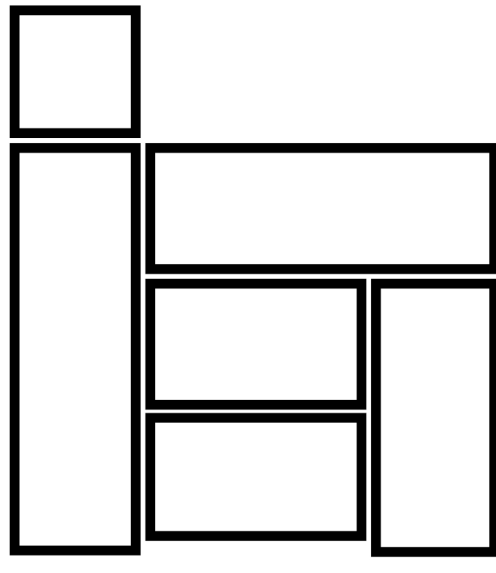


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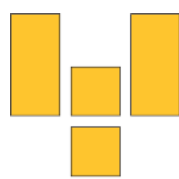




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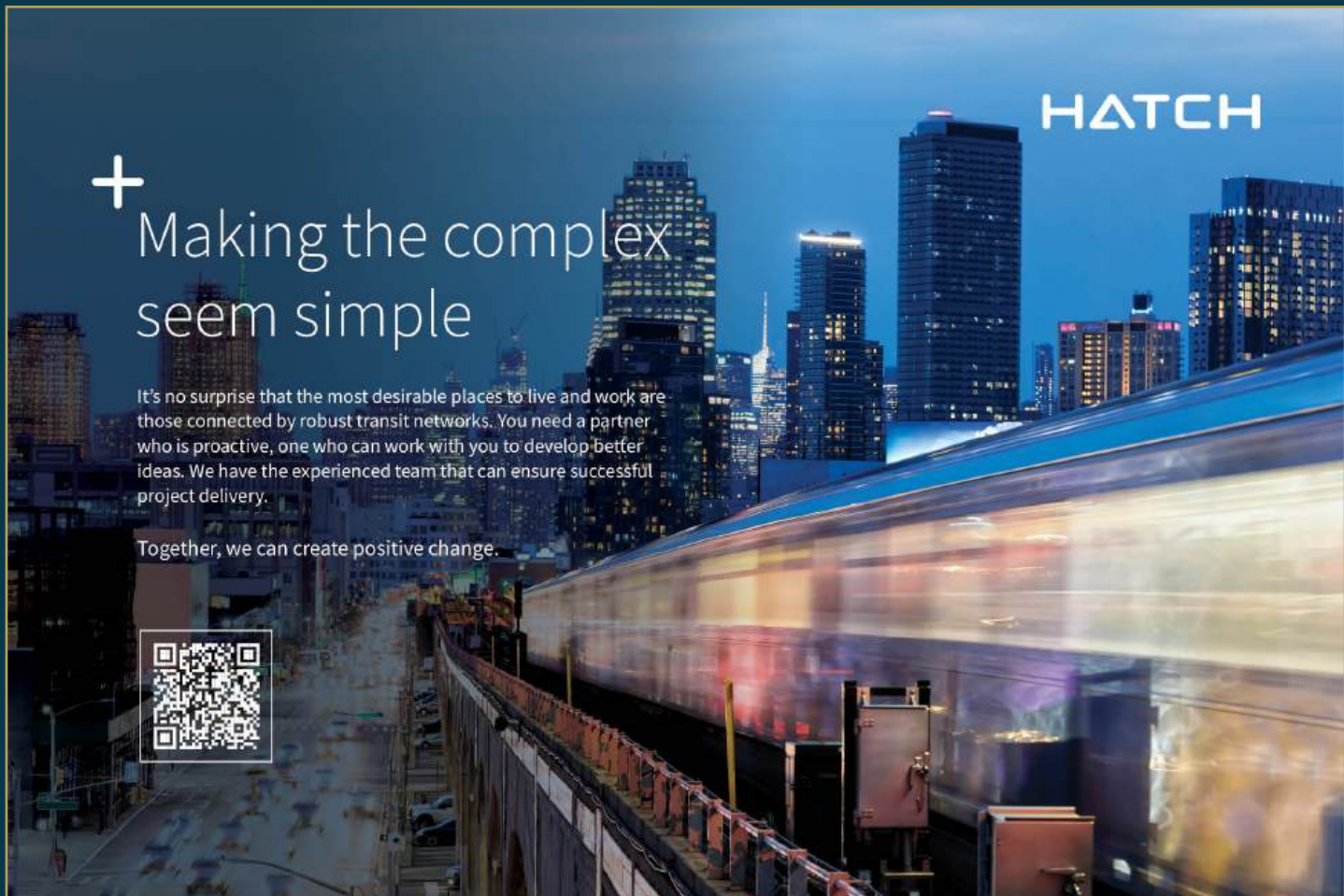
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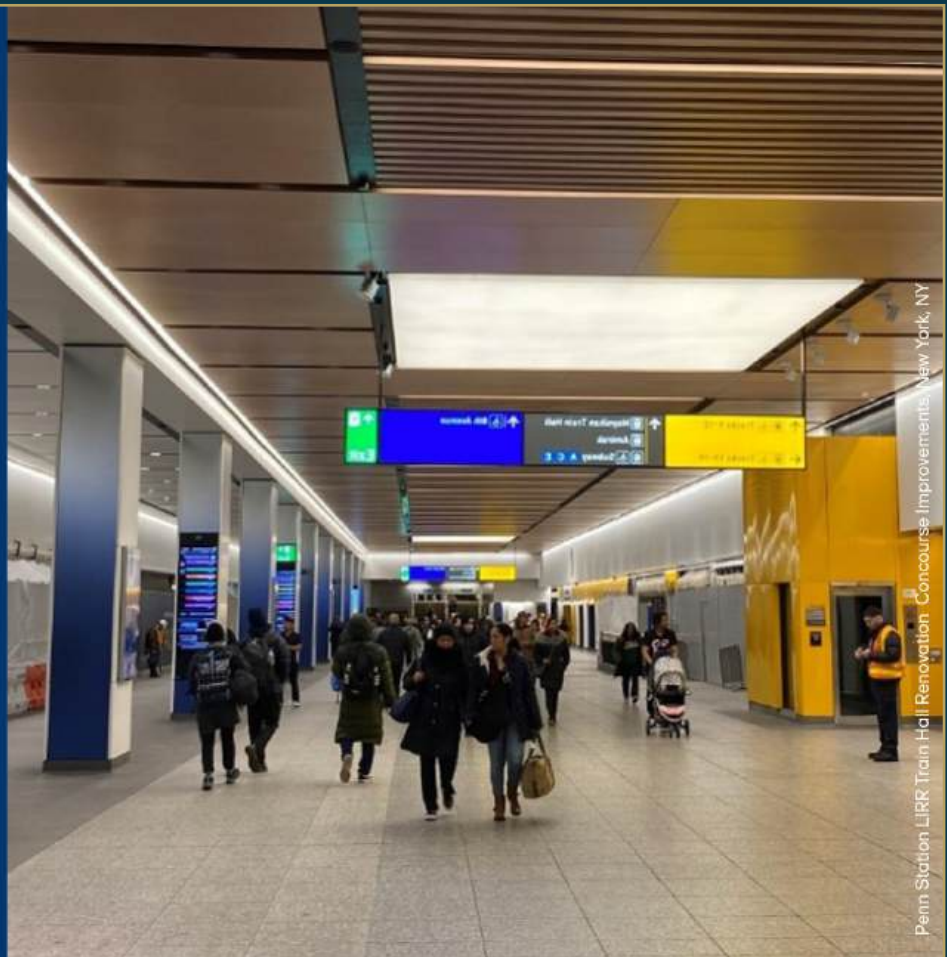
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