• Them's fightin' words: Kotkin claims Florida "concedes the limits of the creative class" in spurting economic growth - "the experiment appears to have failed."

• Florida fires back: "Not so fast!" Kotkin "misleads readers when he writes I've 'conceded.' What hogwash."

• Kimmelman calls for "ambitious political leaders" to show a little "moxie" and grab the "fleeting opportunity...to rectify a mistake as colossal as Penn Station, the nation's busiest and most appalling transit hub..."

• Litt cheers Akron's transportation chief's call to spend less on new roads, more on transit; with Northeast Ohio's population dwindling, "spending money to reduce congestion by adding highway lanes would simply encourage more sprawl."

• As Brussat heads to Chicago for Beeby's Driehaus Prize celebrations, he ponders ToI's Pritzker: "As individuals, modern architects are as bright and introspective as their classical brethren, but they are in the catbird seat while classicists are on the outside looking in...tomorrow I fly to Chicago...to celebrate la difference. I hope to hear that, among classicists at least, classicism is again the rage..."

• U.S. State Department taps five firms to lead overseas embassy renovation projects (with link to other A/E opportunities).
Kenneth Murray Library -- Ecological Architecture; Page/Park; Austin-Smith:Lord [images] - Urban Realm (Scotland)

-- Image Library: Michael Graves: Miramar Resort Hotel, El Gouna, Egypt

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