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### Public Hearing For Proposed Railroad Fare Changes

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposal by the State of Connecticut to reduce fares on the MTA Metro-North Railroad New Haven Line for travel between Bridgeport Station and stations west of Bridgeport, including Grand Central Terminal and 125th Street.

If approved, fares will decrease by an average of 5 to 10 percent on commutation fares and up to 50 cents for one-way fares, for trips within Connecticut and between Bridgeport and New York State stations. The changes would go into effect on or about August 29.

The purpose of the reduction is to encourage Connecticut customers to use the Bridgeport Station to relieve crowding at the Fairfield Station, to help reduce traffic on I-95, and to rejuvenate the downtown Bridgeport area. The public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 24 at 5 p.m. at MTA Headquarters, 347 Madison Avenue, 5th Floor Board Room.

Anyone interested in speaking at the hearing may call (212) 878-7483, or they may register to speak at the hearing until 6 p.m.