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CityTicket to Begin in January on LIRR and Metro-North

Discounted \$2.50 Fare Available for Weekend Travel

Beginning January 10th on Metro-North and Long Island Rail Road the new CityTicket fare of \$2.50 will be available on weekends for one-way trips within the City.

MTA Chairman Peter S. Kalikow said, "This service is a result of the MTA Board's desire to provide customers with additional affordable transportation options."

CityTicket, which runs as a pilot program from the first weekend of January through the last weekend of June, provides customers the option of riding the commuter railroads within New York City on Saturday or Sunday for a \$2.50 fare instead of the full off-peak fare.

"During the public hearings on the fare and toll increases earlier this year, Mayor Bloomberg and other elected officials asked if we could develop additional benefits for our riders," said MTA Executive Director Katherine N. Lapp. "CityTicket and the new Balance Protection insurance for 30-day unlimited ride MetroCards are two programs that benefit customers and make mass transportation more affordable."

CityTicket will be available at Metro-North stations including Woodlawn, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, Marble Hill, University Heights, Morris Heights, Williams Bridge, Botanical Garden, Fordham, Tremont, Melrose, 125th Street, and Grand Central Terminal.

On the LIRR CityTicket will be available at Penn Station, Woodside, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Flushing-Main Street, Murray Hill, Broadway, Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Little Neck, Jamaica, Hollis, Queens Village, Flatbush, Nostrand Avenue, East New York, Hunterspoint, St. Albans, Locust Manor, Rosedale and Laurelton.

Over the six-month trial period customers will be surveyed to assess usage, cost, revenue, and impacts on customer service. For more information on the MTA, customers can log on to www.mta.info.