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Preliminary Work to Begin on Reconstruction of Valley Stream MTA LIRR Station; Temporary Ticket Office/Waiting Room to be Set Up

Preliminary renovation work on the MTA Long Island Rail Road's Valley Stream Station gets underway on March 21 with the installation of a temporary ticket office/waiting room trailer near the existing ticket office. The trailer will be placed on nine parking spaces west of the taxi office, south of the viaduct. Seven of the spaces had been used for public parking and two spaces had been used by the taxi company. The parking spaces will be available for public use again following completion of the renovation work. The temporary ticket office/waiting room trailer will be prepared for use beginning this June, when the existing ticket office/waiting room will be closed for reconstruction.

The Valley Stream Station rehabilitation project includes demolition and construction of a new station building in the same location as the existing building. The new building will include a ticket office, waiting room, ADA accessible rest rooms, and new heating and air conditioning systems. Improvements will also be made to the station plaza area including brick pavers and concrete sidewalks, benches and bike racks. Improvements will also be made to the stairways and platform waiting room. The lighting under the viaduct in the vicinity of the new station building will also be replaced. A new public address system will also be installed. The project is expected to be completed by late summer of 2008.

The design for the new building was selected from three options by the Valley Stream community. NYS Senator Dean Skelos helped in securing the funding for the project, which is in the MTA Long Island Rail Road Capital Improvement Program. The budget for the work is \$4.3 million. Approximately 2,100 customers use the Valley Stream Station during the AM rush hours.