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### MTA LIRR Awards Design Contract For New Ronkonkoma Station Parking Lot

The MTA Long Island Rail Road has awarded a design contract for the construction of a new 325-space parking lot at Ronkonkoma Station. HDR/Daniel Frankfurt - an architecture-engineering design firm - is designing the new lot to be located on the north side of Ronkonkoma Station, to the east of the station building.

LIRR President Helena E. Williams said, "This much-needed parking improvement at Ronkonkoma Station will greatly benefit commuters who drive to this busy station each morning before catching trains to the city. New and improved parking facilities are essential to serve our customers."

The design work is expected to be completed in the spring of 2008. Construction of the lot - which will include new drainage, asphalt paving, striping, sidewalks/curbs, signage, lighting, fencing and landscaping - is expected to begin in the 3rd Quarter of 2008.

When completed in the 3rd Quarter of 2009, upkeep will be necessary to maintain the lot in a state of good repair. To that end, the Town of Brookhaven has entered into an agreement, and is providing funding, to maintain and operate the lot.

"We are happy to partner with the MTA and the Long Island Rail Road in providing greatly improved parking facilities for the thousands of commuters who use the Ronkonkoma Station every day," said Brookhaven Town Supervisor Brian X. Foley. "Last year, we cut the ribbon on the new parking lot just to the west of where this next project will take place, and we are glad to make the commitment to maintain these lots. One look at the condition of the lot that the MTA will pave makes it clear just how badly this project is needed. This is a fine example of the good things that happen when different levels of government recognize the needs of their constituents and work together to meet those needs."

The new lot - estimated to cost \$3.9 million - is being funded by the MTA LIRR Capital Program. With the addition of this new lot, Ronkonkoma Station will have 6,095 parking spaces. Since 1986, over 14,000 new, rehabilitated or replacement parking spaces have been added in the LIRR service area under the Capital Program.