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Cortlandt Station Parking, Intermodal and Access Improvements Announced

In a move designed to benefit commuters from the Town of Cortlandt and surrounding communities, MTA Metro-North Railroad will design and build additional parking at the Cortlandt Station and create a new access road on the west side of the station off Route 9A (Albany Post Road).

The Cortlandt Station opened in 1996, when two tiny stations, Crugers and Montrose, were closed. It is one of Metro-North's fastest growing stations with about 900 people boarding trains there each weekday. Ridership is expected to nearly double in the next 20 years.

"Ridership on the Upper Hudson Line continues to grow and access to parking is becoming a critical priority," said Metro-North President Peter A. Cannito. "This expansion will address both current and long-term needs in the region."

"The railroad has involved the Town of Cortlandt in the planning process for this project from the beginning and we look forward to continuing our good working relationship with the best interests of the Town in mind," said Tom Wood, Town Attorney, Town of Cortlandt.

Although parking at Cortlandt has been expanded twice, the lot is rapidly reaching its 885-car capacity. Currently the only access is on the east side of the tracks from Route 9.

The project, which was approved today by the Metro-North Committee of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board, involves the purchase of several parcels of industrial land on the west side of the tracks. In addition, the purchase of a two-acre town parcel was approved by the Town of Cortlandt and also approved today by the Real Estate Committee of the MTA.

Up to 750 parking spaces will be built along with an intermodal drop-off plaza and a new access road with lighted sidewalks. The station overpass, which currently connects the existing parking lot to an island platform, will be extended to the west with a new elevator and enclosed staircase. As a result of public and town input, the project also includes construction of a new restroom on the east side of the station and an additional heated shelter on the platform along with lighting, signage, security call boxes, bicycle racks and landscaping.

Cortlandt is the only station on this segment of the Hudson Line with land available for parking expansion. Surrounding stations, such as Croton-Harmon to the south and Peekskill to the north are locally owned and operated and at capacity.

The project is expected to cost \$29.3 million. The Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) program is contributing \$21.2 million and Metro-North's capital program funding is \$8.1 million.

Metro-North is working with NYSDOT to improve the intersection at 9A and the Veteran's Hospital, including creation of turning lanes and a traffic signal.