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MTA Metro-North Railroad to Build Retaining Wall at Marble Hill Station

Metro-North begins construction this week of a retaining wall above the Marble Hill Station, which lies between the Harlem River and West 225th Street in the Bronx.

The station sits 30 feet below West 225th Street at the base of a steep slope that needs shoring up. The single island platform between two tracks is accessed by a staircase and an overpass.

The one-year, \$2.2 million project involves removing the sidewalk along the south side of West 225th Street, which will eliminate about 40 on-street parking spaces from just west of Broadway to just east of Jacobus Place (on both sides of West 225th Street). For pedestrian safety, lighted barricades will be constructed and temporary crosswalks at the entrance to the station, on Marble Hill Avenue and on West 225th Street near Broadway will be painted.

After the sidewalk is removed, the contractor will replace the old retaining wall. When the new 168-foot-long wall is completed, the sidewalk will be rebuilt and a new fence will be added. As part of the job, the contractor also will be removing debris and litter that has been discarded on the steep hillside.

Marble Hill station is a growing station with a unique ridership pattern. More than 900 people use the station each day but only 100 are taking the train into Grand Central Terminal. About 300 people are getting off southbound Hudson Line trains and transferring to New York City Subway's 225th Street Station on the No. 1 Broadway local line, which provides convenient access to Manhattan's west side. Another 300 people are reverse commuters, that is people who are taking northbound trains in the morning to jobs in Westchester County or beyond. The remainder is traveling in off-peak periods.

Train service will not be affected by the construction, which will be limited to Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Design for the wall was done by Dewberry - Goodkind Inc. of New York City and construction will be by Tucci Equipment Rental, also of New York City.