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Grand Central Terminal's Station Master's Offices Goes Wireless

The Station Master's Office in Grand Central Terminal, long an oasis with spacious benches, restrooms and an eye-pleasing floral mural, is now a "hot spot" for free wireless internet access.

MTA Metro-North Railroad customers can now turn on their laptops and surf the net or check e-mail while waiting for a train.

"Metro-North is pleased to offer this amenity to our customers," said Metro-North President Peter A. Cannito. "In fact, we're confident that the Station Master's Office will become even more popular now that WiFi service has been established."

"The installation of WiFi internet access in the Station Master's office will be a great addition for Metro-North riders," said William Henderson, Executive Director of the Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA. "This new service will put reliable internet access in a convenient location. We are pleased that Metro-North has recognized the needs of its customers and is acting to meet them."

Laptop computers equipped with an 802.11 a, b or g capable wireless network card can access the Internet. The "hot spot" can accommodate up to 60 users at once. A simple click on the portal page gets users surfing the net with ease.

The Station Master's Office, which is the terminal's waiting area for ticketed customers, is located near Track 36. It is outfitted with oak benches that once graced the old Main Waiting Room, now called Vanderbilt Hall. A floral, mixed media mural by Roberto Juarez runs along three walls just above the benches.

This Wi-Fi connectivity was coordinated by Metro-North's Information Technology Department.