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### **New Shuttle Bus Between New Fairfield, CT and Southeast, NY Expands Transportation Options Beginning May 18**

Three new park and ride lots and a new shuttle bus between New Fairfield, CT and the Southeast railroad station begins May 18 to improve access to MTA Metro-North Railroad's Harlem Line train service.

Danbury Branch customers who have a relatively limited number of trains from which to choose, and area residents unable to get a parking permit at a Harlem Line station, will now have shuttle access to more frequent trains and more express trains.

The three new park and ride lots—two in New Fairfield at Company A Fire House and Ball Pond Fire House, and at Temple Beth Elohim in Brewster—will provide easy, free parking. The service is expected to provide as many as 100 daily rides.

On weekdays, five morning bus trips from New Fairfield will meet trains departing Southeast from 6:13 a.m. through 7:51 a.m. On weeknights, the 20-passenger buses will make eight bus trips from Southeast, meeting trains from Grand Central between 4:20 p.m. and 7:22 p.m.

The UniTicket which includes both bus and rail fare from Southeast, is \$327 a month for the month of June, and will go on sale May 20. The UniTicket price as of July will be \$357, and will go on sale June 20. The one-way shuttle fare is \$1.25, 60 cents for seniors and 90 cents for students K-12.

This service is co-funded by the New York State Department of Transportation and the Connecticut Department of Transportation and is offered in cooperation with HART, the Housatonic Area Regional Transit District. HART also offers shuttle services from Connecticut to Metro-North's Brewster and Katonah stations.

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