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### Fairfield Metro Train Station Opens December 5 on the New Haven Line

#### *Abundant Parking a Welcome Addition*

MTA Metro-North Railroad will begin train service to the newly built Fairfield Metro Station on Monday, December 5. Every train that stops at Fairfield also will stop at Fairfield Metro and they are in the same fare zone.

Initially, Fairfield tickets will be good for travel to/from Fairfield Metro. In fact, tickets for Fairfield Metro will not be sold at ticket vending machines and ticket offices until January 2, 2012. Customers who plan to travel regularly to and from Fairfield Metro Station should consider signing up for the convenient, ticket-by-mail program, Mail& Ride.

Located midway between the Fairfield and Bridgeport stations, Fairfield Metro should encourage the use of mass transit by providing 1,400 parking spaces. The station was built by the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Town of Fairfield. CTDOT owns the entire station facility. The station and parking lot will be operated and maintained by Fusco Management Company for CTDOT. Metro-North provides train service in Connecticut under contract to CTDOT.

Fairfield Metro Station is fully ADA accessible with elevators on each platform. In addition, the station has two, high-level platforms with full-length canopies that can accommodate 12 rail cars each. Other station amenities include ticket vending machines, benches, shelters and a fully enclosed pedestrian overpass for easy passage between platforms. Recycling centers also are available on the platforms.

Beginning in January, bus service to and from the station will be provided by Greater Bridgeport Transit. Taxi service will be available at the station, which is located at 61 Constant Comment Way in Fairfield.

The New Haven Line, the busiest single rail line in the United States, carried 37.3 million people in 2010, a 2.8% increase over the previous year.

Fairfield Metro is the first new station on the New Haven Line since State Street Station opened in New Haven in 2002. Prior to that, the last station to open was Merritt 7 on the Danbury Branch in 1985.