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### **Metro-North To Build Parking Garage in North White Plains Will Replace an Existing Garage and Surface Lot**

Construction soon will begin on a new 500-car garage at the North White Plains Metro-North station, the railroad announced today.

The project is the outcome of planning studies that began in 2003 and will accommodate the projected demand for parking at the North White Plains railroad station, which is used by more than 2,200 people each weekday.

"Metro-North Railroad has been expanding its parking inventory for years in a strategic effort to improve access to our trains," said Railroad President Howard Permut. "Not everyone has the good fortune to live in a village within walking distance of one of our stations. So parking is a necessity. Hopefully this project will attract even more people to mass transit."

The 186,000 square foot, four-story parking structure will include bicycle and scooter parking spaces, administrative and storage space for the garage's operation, a utility room for relocated and expanded utilities and a small retail space.

The garage, at the southeast corner of Bond Street and Haarlem Avenue, will increase the total supply of parking spaces at the station to approximately 1,750 spaces, a net increase of about 400 spaces, or 29%.

The entrance and exit to the garage will be located on Haarlem Avenue. Haarlem Avenue will become a two-way street from the garage entrance to Bond Street to increase access and a traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Bond Street and North Broadway (Route 22).

Community improvements include new street lights, new crosswalks, sidewalk replacements and landscaping. The garage will be equipped with six electric car charging stations. The garage also will have a storefront retail space along Haarlem Avenue, which may provide coffee and newspapers or other service.

The project will include a circular drive with a canopy at the base of the northeast staircase for a "kiss & ride" drop-off area and a taxi queue.

The work also includes demolition of an existing 109-space parking garage, an existing maintenance building, a small surface lot and several utility sheds. The garage will close in January 2014.

The North White Plains garage project is funded entirely by a \$41.8 million federal Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality grant.

The 30% preliminary design for this project was performed by Gannett Fleming of New York City, which will provide engineering services through the construction phase. Construction management will be by URS of New York City. A 20-month, \$26.5 million design-build contract was awarded to Prismatic Development Corp. of Fairfield, NJ.