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Replacement Begins on Bridge Street Bridge in New Hamburg

Construction to Begin May 13

Replacement of the Bridge Street Bridge in the hamlet of New Hamburg will begin on Monday, May 13, MTA Metro-North Railroad announced today.

The bridge, built in 1930, carries two lanes of traffic over the two Hudson Line tracks and the New Hamburg Station parking lot in the town of Poughkeepsie.

The bridge will be closed to vehicles until the replacement is complete at the end of December and traffic will be diverted to Reed Road. Residents looking to drop off/pick up passengers at the New Hamburg Station are encouraged to do so on the East Side parking lot with access to both sides of the tracks provided through the use of the pedestrian tunnel.

The parking lot will be restriped and reorganized so that parking permit customers will be accommodated in other portions of the lot during construction. In addition, when construction is complete, spaces under the bridge that are currently off limits because of the danger of falling concrete from the old bridge, will be returned to the inventory.

The new bridge, designed by Lochner Engineering, of Utica, NY, will have aesthetic concrete parapets with black ornamental steel fences on top as well as a new sidewalk. Roadway and drainage improvements also are planned on both approach roadways. A 12-inch water main on the bridge will be supported during construction and then replaced as part of the \$3.56 million construction contract awarded to Bette & Cring LLC of Latham, NY. The new bridge will have no load limit. The current limit is 15 tons.

Construction updates and progress will be regularly communicated by Metro-North to the Town, which will update local residents and businesses through the Town's website. Sign up for emergency announcements at www.nixle.com. The project is funded 80% by the New York State Department of Transportation and 20% by the MTA Capital Program.