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New Bridge Street Bridge Opens in New Hamburg

Stronger, Wider, Safer Bridge Serves Hamlet

A new bridge is now open for residents and businesses in the hamlet of New Hamburg as Metro-North completed construction of the Bridge Street Bridge.

The old bridge had a load limit of 15 tons, which prevented fire trucks, oil tankers from a nearby business and school buses from using it. The new bridge has no load limit.

"This bridge is stronger, with wider travel lanes, a new sidewalk and an attractive ornamental fence," said Metro-North President Joseph Giulietti. "It's a handsome addition to the neighborhood that will benefit residents and commuters alike."

Work, which began 18 months ago, included drainage improvements on both approach roadways and a brand-new, 18-inch water main, installed for the Town of Poughkeepsie.

"This much-needed investment provides better access to the train station and frees up commuter parking spaces under the old bridge that had been closed because of the danger of spalling concrete," said Jim Sedore, long-time Dutchess County representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board and chairman of its Metro-North Railroad Committee. "The bridge will serve the community for decades to come."

The new bridge replaced one built in 1930 and carries two lanes of traffic over the two Hudson Line tracks and the New Hamburg Station parking lot.

The \$5.7 million project was funded 80% by the New York State Department of Transportation and 20% by the MTA Capital Program.

The bridge was designed by Lochner Engineering, of Utica, NY, and built by Bette & Cring LLC of Latham, NY. Construction management was by WSP of Briarcliff Manor, NY.