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Port Chester Metro-North Station Gets a Lift

Railroad Adds New ADA Accessible Elevator

The Village of Port Chester Metro-North Railroad Station is now accessible for all, thanks to a recently-completed capital project by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).

On the Connecticut-bound side of the tracks, an elevator and redesigned stairwell provide a new means of access from Westchester Avenue directly to the platform. On the New York-bound side, a new ramp has been constructed adjacent to an existing staircase, which provides direct access to the train station parking lot from Westchester Avenue. Both of these improvements help the station to meet standards set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

“These improvements are a welcome and long-awaited addition to the train station that Port Chester residents, visitors and business-owners rely upon year-round to access all that Port Chester and the region has to offer” states current Port Chester Mayor Richard Falanka. “It is a great thing that all riders, regardless of age or ability, can now access and enjoy this important transportation hub just steps from Port Chester’s downtown central business district.”

These new amenities are a culmination of a decades-long partnering effort by the Village, local advocates, and Metro-North to make upgrades to the station focused on equity and ease of use.

“Metro-North is committed to making the railroad as accessible as possible to all of our customers,” said Cathy Rinaldi, Acting President of Metro-North. “Now customers who use such mobility aids as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and canes – not to mention parents with strollers, people carrying heavy bags and anyone in need of a lift – can be assured of traveling to and from the Port Chester station with greater ease.”

On Thursday, January 25th, the Village and Metro-North will host a ribbon-cutting on site to help celebrate the partnership and commemorate the grand opening of the new elevator and ramp. All those interested in attending this event should meet at the elevator on Westchester Avenue at 11:00 a.m. to hear from those who had a key role in making the project happen.

This event marks just one of many projects underway during the Village’s 150th anniversary of incorporation in 2018. As Mayor Falanka states, “It’s Port Chester’s time.” This is certainly a good start.