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Tim Hortons, Popular Canadian Café and Bakery Chain, Open for Business at White Plains Station

Concession Brings Improvements to Key Station on Metro-North's Harlem Line

It just got a lot easier for Metro-North White Plains commuters to grab a great cup of coffee.

Tim Hortons, "Canada's favourite coffee chain," officially opened its doors at the White Plains Station. The franchise is operated by Gateway Foods, which has been operating a newsstand at the station since June 2014 that it intends to begin renovating.

"Tim Hortons not only gives our customers a convenient, delicious spot for coffee and breakfast," said Joseph Giuliatti, President of MTA Metro-North Railroad. "Gateway proposes making extensive renovations to better utilize the limited storage space at the station and enhance the appearance of its main entrance."

The activation of the retail space coincides with work being done through the White Plains Multimodal Transportation Center Redevelopment Project, a multi-party effort that includes participation from Metro-North. The project is funded in part by grant of \$1 million that was provided by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to the City of White Plains. The project seeks to provide an improved transportation center that maximizes the economic development potential of Downtown White Plains. The redevelopment project is also expected to create a welcoming new place that will transform the station area and provide an attractive and functional gateway for the city's downtown core.

"The White Plains station is one of the busiest in the MTA Metro-North system," said the City Mayor, Tom Roach. "I am pleased that commuters who use this station will now have the ability to buy a cup of coffee or something to eat. This basic station amenity was much needed. Tim Horton's has a great reputation and I would like to thank MTA Metro-North for bringing them into the White Plains station. I know that our commuters will be thrilled to see them open for business."

With 11,060 average weekday boarding commuters, the White Plains Station has the third highest ridership in the Metro North system, second only to Stamford and Grand Central Terminal.