In June of 2014, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, together with the Town of Stratford, began a project to expand the existing 122 space New York bound railroad station parking lot located on Route 113 by an additional 187 spaces. State Project 138-226 is currently being performed in two stages. The first stage, which will provide 144 parking spaces, opened to the public on October 29, 2014. The second stage, which will provide an additional 165 spaces, is scheduled to be opened in December of 2014. Staging plans can be found at the end of this document. Throughout the project, full access to the station and adjoining restaurant, wine shop and coffee shop will be maintained. It is the goal of the DOT as well as the Town of Stratford to have all relocated parkers back into the parking lot by this winter. To this end, the DOT is working closely with their contractor to streamline the construction schedule and reduce the impacts on the traveling public.

**Public Impacts:**

- **Parking:** “K” Permit holders have been relocated to the new parking lot. A limited number of “B” permit spots have also been made available in the new parking lot and are filled on a first come first serve basis. Addition parking is available on Church and Linden Streets for “LCB” permit holders. Patrons of the businesses located in the train station building should use the spaces along the tracks to the north of the station. It is advised that anyone wishing to board a train at the Stratford Station visit the Stratford Railroad Parking website and become familiar
with the temporary parking arrangements. Due to the limited onsite parking available, parking rules will be strictly enforced.

- **Handicapped Parking:** The handicapped parking spaces previously located to the right of the train platform have been relocated to the new lot. These spots are reserved for commuters from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. After 12 p.m., these spots are available to all handicap placarded cars.
- **Access to Train Platform:** Access to the train platform and adjoining businesses will be maintained at all times during construction.
- **Pedestrians:** Occasional pedestrian detours will need to be implemented to allow for the construction of new sidewalks along Main Street. Pedestrians accessing or exiting the train station onto Main Street are asked to either use the stairway adjacent to the southbound tracks or the pedestrian walk way that been established adjacent to the new driveway. Pedestrians are urged to follow the detours, as crossing through an active work site is not recommended.
- **Traffic:** There will be limited impact to vehicular traffic along Main Street as most work is being performed within the confines of the parking lot. However, occasional shoulder closures will be necessary to allow for sidewalk and curbing installation.
- **Night Work:** A majority of the work on this project will occur during the daytime. However, in order to maintain access to the train platforms and adjacent businesses during the installation of sidewalks in Stage 2, some night work may be required.

### Recent Activities:

- Concrete Sidewalks within the Stage 1 parking area have been completed;
- The Installation of fencing along northern property line;
- The Installation of Stage 1 lighting;
- Installation of landscape items;
- Construction of Retaining Wall No. 1 for the new handicap entrance ramp;
- The final course of asphalt for the Stage 1 parking area has been placed;
- Pavement markings for Stage 1 parking area have been completed;
- Line striping of Main Street from Broadbridge Avenue to Route 1;
- Opening of the Stage 1 Parking Lot

### Planned Activities over the Next Thirty Days:

- Reclaiming of pavement structure in the Stage 2 Parking area;
- Continued construction of Retaining Wall No. 1;
- Reconstruction of the concrete apron in front of the station building
Additional Resources:

- Construction Related Questions can be sent to the [CT DOT](http://www.ct.gov)
- Detailed Parking Information can be found on the [Stratford Railroad Parking](http://www.stratfordct.gov) website
- Parking Related Issues and Concerns can be sent to railroad@townofstratford.com
- Stratford Train Station Information can be found on the [MTA](http://www.mta.info) website
- General Rail Commuter Info can be found on the [CT Commuter Rail Council](http://www.ctrail.org) website