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Testimony Submitted by Commissioner Jim Redeker Department of Transportation

Proposed S.B. 696 - An Act Concerning Parking at the West Haven Train Station.

The new West Haven train station is scheduled to open in June, 2013 with 676 parking surface parking spaces. The West Haven train station site does not preclude building a parking structure at a later date. The Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) is exploring the opportunities to develop bus and van services access to the new station with bus transit providers and area schools, hospitals and employers.

The Department is also committed to surveying parkers and other users of the West Haven train station after its opening to:

- Obtain a customer assessment of the station overall as well as some specific station elements;
- Understand what percentage of the customers using this stations were new to Metro-North, what percentage diverted from other stations, the reason(s) they decided to utilize the West Haven train station and which stations they diverted from; and
- Determine, for those customers who diverted from other stations, how they access the West Haven train station and if it differs from the way they accessed their former station.

The survey responses, on-going parking space utilization counts and the success of bus/van station access will ultimately determine whether additional parking is required. If additional parking is needed, ConnDOT is committed to exploring all funding options to expand parking at the West Haven train station.

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