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See new bike sheds, shuttle service coming for Lower Hudson commuters



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Metro-North Railroad commuters will get new sheds to park e-bikes and communities in and around Peekskill will have access to a rideshare service that connects to bus and rail lines thanks to \$4.5 million in state-backed clean energy grants.

The sheds or bike racks will be added to Metro-North stations in Irvington and Mount Vernon East in Westchester County and Beacon in Dutchess County through a Metropolitan Transportation Authority pilot program funded in part by a \$1.5 million grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

Another \$3 million will pay for electric vehicles to close public transportation gaps in and around Peekskill by connecting commuters to Metro-North trains and Bee-Line buses.

“New York State’s investment to expand community access to clean transportation will help more New Yorkers meet their daily needs and connect to local amenities and jobs in the region,” NYSERDA President and CEO Doreen M. Harris said.

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The money comes from grants NYSERDA's Clean Mobility Program awards to governments, transit operators and community organizations, as well as a program run by the state Department of Transportation. Funding is earmarked for clean-energy solutions like e-bikes and on-demand EV rideshares.

How the new Peekskill shuttle will work

To date the NYSERDA program, which opened in June 2024, has already shelled out nearly \$3 million in planning grants to 29 community projects for shared electric transportation.

The Peekskill shuttle service will debut later this year as a pilot and operate for three years. Zero-emission vehicles will provide rides in a northern Westchester zone that's expected to include parts of Cortlandt, Buchanan, Verplanck and Montrose as well as the VA Hospital.

Riders can use the service for first-mile and last-mile connections to Metro-North stations and the Bee-Line bus system and eventually any two points within the approved geographic zone. County officials caution that riders could be denied a request if the Bee-Line already covers the desired route.

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Westchester was selected through a competitive process that favors projects that address transportation challenges in underserved communities. Up to five electric vehicles will be covered by the funding.

“This funding will allow us to launch a zero-emission micro transit service that expands connections to public transportation while improving mobility for communities in and around Peekskill,” said Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins.

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“Investing in cleaner vehicles and flexible transit options will help ensure that transportation in Westchester is more accessible, sustainable and responsive to the needs of our residents,” he added.

Bicycle advocates want more Metro-North sheds

The Metro-North bike sheds will provide shelter for bikes as well as e-bikes.

Biking advocates like the idea and would like to see it expanded to other busy commuting routes.

“Linking cycling and trains creates a tremendous transportation combination — quick local access plus rapid regional mobility,” said Daniel Convissor, who leads Bike Tarrytown. “Secure bike storage at train stations means people will feel comfortable leaving their expensive e-bikes there for many hours.”

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Convissor says Rockland County commuters could benefit from enclosed bike sheds at Metro-North’s Tarrytown station, particularly if the state Thruway Authority kept the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge’s bike and walking path open 24 hours. The path is closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

And Assemblymember Didi Barrett said she’d like to see rideshares and bike racks come to her Hudson Valley district. “I especially look forward to seeing more on-demand transit services and innovative bike racks to serve travelers at Dutchess County’s Poughkeepsie, New Hamburg, and Wassaic Metro-North train stations,” said Barrett, who chairs the Assembly’s Energy committee.

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