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## The Norwalk Parking Authority Launches Public Art Project

Norwalk, CT (November 1, 2011) - - The City of Norwalk Parking Authority and the Norwalk Transit District launched permanent art installations at the South Norwalk train station with a kick-off event today. Norwalk Transit District Chairman Andrew Glickson, and Chairman of the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency and the Norwalk Arts Commission Emil Albanese participated in the event that highlighted the artists and began the installations.

In the tunnel that connects the east and westbound sides of the station, Norwalk native Duvian Montoya of Fairfield is designing a mural of silhouetted figures depicting the transit history of the SoNo railroad station and the community. In the lobby on the eastbound side of the station, the team of David Boyajian of New Fairfield, Matt Rink of Redding and Vincent Appel of New York City is installing a series of small aluminum sculptures of various sites, history and culture of Norwalk such as an oyster boat, a lighthouse, and hat.

Speaking at the event, Chairman of the Norwalk Arts Commission and the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency Emil Albanese spoke of the importance of public art projects such as these. "Public art creates a connection with Norwalk, making the town more exciting and welcoming not only for those who visit, but for those who pass by in the train station every day."

Funding for this project has been made available through a grant provided by

the Federal Transportation Enhancement Public Art Program. The completed installation of the art will occur in the early part of 2012.

The Norwalk Parking Authority is a financially self-sustaining organization responsible for the operation and maintenance of the municipal parking system in Norwalk. It is not financed by taxpayer dollars. The Authority is committed to collaborating with community organizations while providing exceptional customer service to parking customers. The Norwalk Parking Authority can be reached at (203) 831-9063 or at the website: www.norwalkpark.org

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