



NYFI™ bringing free Wi-Fi to NY commuter trains

Riders of the Long Island Rail Road and Metro North trains will receive free Wi-Fi without subscribing to any costly service plans, if NYFI service proposal is accepted by the MTA.

NYFI, a well financed neutral host Wi-Fi provider, has submitted a proposal to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority of New York (MTA) to build and operate a new Wi-Fi network on Metro-North and Long Island Rail Road trains. Unlike another proposal, the NYFI solution would not require users to subscribe to a service like Cablevision to access the system without paying. NYFI service is designed to be good for everyone.

Rather than using a pay-for-service model where user fees fund on board Wi-Fi, the NYFI approach would first assist the MTA by paying for an operational revamp of the MTA's revenue generating activities, like advertising. The revamp would be led by highly experienced firms. The results are expected to more than cover costs associated with the free Wi-Fi system, yielding increased annual revenue to the MTA, while reducing costs.

The NYFI implementation team includes firms deeply experienced with the installation and operation of Wi-Fi on trains. The team believes the MTA is taking the right approach to solving the need for free Wi-Fi on commuter trains. Asking for creative solutions from the private sector may be the beginning of new "private-public" partnerships resulting in better services and no fare increases to commuters.

The NYFI free Wi-Fi solution would kick off as soon as the proposal is accepted by the MTA.

NYFI™ is a free Wi-Fi service sponsored by Mobilitie – the industry leading private telecommunications infrastructure provider. Mobilitie is one of the largest fiber optic network owners in Manhattan and also owns thousands of other wireless assets across the country. More information is available at mobilitie.com or email NYFI@mobilitie.com