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Metro-North's Spring Schedule Brings Major Service Improvements on All Lines

MTA Metro-North Railroad is boosting service, adding early-bird inbound trains, new outbound express service on the Hudson and Harlem lines, increasing seat availability in both peaks, adding more midday and evening service on the New Haven Line and reducing some travel times effective Sunday, April 1, 2007.

Hudson:

For the lower Hudson Line, which has seen recent growth of 5 to 6 percent, two trains will be added to the early PM peak:

- A new 4:15 p.m. departure to the Tarrytown to Croton zone
- A new 5:20 p.m. departure to the Hastings-Irvington zone

Harlem:

Mount Kisco is getting a lot more service. Eight trains, three in the morning and five in the evening that now originate or finish in Chappaqua will now begin and end in Mount Kisco. This is the result of track improvements. In the off-peak inbound, four Harlem trains that originate in North White Plains will now originate in Mount Kisco, adding options for customers boarding at Mount Kisco, Chappaqua and Pleasantville. Also, two new inbound trains will now provide more frequent express service from Mount Kisco, which also benefits Hartsdale and Scarsdale:

- A new 6:14 p.m. out of Mount Kisco will arrive Grand Central at 7:10 p.m.
- A new 7 p.m. departure from Mount Kisco will arrive in New York at 7:59 p.m.

For Harlem Line reverse commuters, the 5:46 a.m. from Grand Central Terminal making all stops to Southeast will be replaced with two trains to provide faster service for Upper Harlem customers:

- A new 5:40 a.m. out of Grand Central all-stop local will arrive in North White Plains at 6:37 a.m.
- A new 6:03 a.m. express from Grand Central Terminal serving Fordham and then all stops from White Plains to Southeast arriving at 7:35 a.m. This will save reverse customers up to 15 minutes of travel time.

The 2:48 p.m. outbound serving White Plains through Southeast will be replaced with two trains to provide faster service for Upper Harlem customers:

- A new 2:51 p.m. express from Grand Central Terminal serving Scarsdale through Mt. Kisco arriving at 3:54 p.m.
- The 2:48 p.m. will now run express from Grand Central Terminal to White Plains, Mt. Kisco then all stops to Southeast arriving at 4:06 p.m. This change will save Upper Harlem customers up to 8 minutes of travel time.

New Haven:

Five new AM peak New Haven Line trains will add 600 seats going into GCT and 950 seats from the east end to Stamford. These changes will save about 2,400 customers up to 14 minutes of travel time, improve frequency, relieve crowding and result in trains with fewer stops.

For outer New Haven customers:

- A New Haven, Bridgeport train terminating at Stamford will provide a new intrastate express.
- An outer New Haven 7:12 a.m. express currently arriving in Grand Central Terminal at 9 a.m. will be split into two trains, a new 7:29 a.m. from New Haven and a 7:42 a.m. that will originate in Fairfield providing faster service to Stamford and Grand Central Terminal.
- Another outer New Haven, the 7:51 a.m. from New Haven will arrive three minutes earlier because three stops were added to a new train, the 8:15 a.m. out of Fairfield.

For inner New Haven customers, two new trains will operate in the AM peak to improve frequency at key times:

- A Stamford and Greenwich through Larchmont express arriving at Grand Central Terminal at 7:07 a.m.
- A train serving New Rochelle through Mt. Vernon East will arrive at Grand Central Terminal just after 9 a.m.

For New Canaan customers, changes to the PM peak will save customers up to 10 minutes of travel time and relieve crowding.

A 4:02 p.m. express train from Grand Central will serve Stamford and the New Canaan branch replacing the 3:53 p.m. off-peak local to New Canaan. One hundred customers formerly on the local will save 10 minutes of travel time.

An additional New Canaan train in the late PM peak, departing Grand Central at 6:08 p.m., will provide New Canaan customers a train every 40 minutes instead of every hour.

Two New Canaan trains, one AM reverse peak and one PM reverse peak that were extensions of locals, will be replaced with expresses to and from New Canaan, a 7:07 a.m. from Grand Central and a 5:14 p.m. out of New Canaan, saving New Canaan customers 14 minutes of travel time.

For weekend customers, two new inbound trains will depart from New Haven at 11:32 a.m. and 4:32p.m. and arrive in Grand Central at 1:12 p.m. and 6:12 p.m. respectively. On Saturdays only, an additional local train will depart Stamford at 7:30p.m. and arrive in Grand Central Terminal at 8:36 p.m.

New timetables will be available at Grand Central Terminal and at outlying stations the week of March 19. For more information call 800-METRO-INFO (800-638-7646) or visit the website at www.mta.info.