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MTA Staten Island Railway (SIR) to Expand Express Service Morning Rush Hour

MTA New York City Transit today announced the expansion of Staten Island Railway's (SIR) morning rush hour express train service. The expansion is in response to a surge in SIR ridership, which has seen a 10.2 percent increase in ridership during the 3rd Quarter of this year. By comparison, ridership on heavy rail systems nationally grew by only four percent.

Evening express service was the first to be phased in during November, expanding express service by an hour and 20 minutes. Now, the morning expansion will provide additional service to commuters who rely on SIR express and local service to and from the Staten Island Ferry while also providing an alternative to construction-related delays on area highways.

On Wednesday, December 5th, morning rush hour express service will be expanded with the first express train to connect with the boat departing St. George Terminal at 7:00 a.m., instead of the current 7:15 a.m. boat. Express service will continue to connect with ferry boats departing St. George at 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00, 8:15, and 8:30 a.m., with additional express trains now connecting with the 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. ferries departing St. George Terminal. In all, the span of express service will be extended by 45 minutes, with three additional express trains added to the morning schedule.

Express service toward Tottenville will also be introduced in the morning rush hour with five express trips connecting with boats departing Whitehall Terminal between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. Additional local service is being added to the morning schedule as well, with five local trains stopping at Huguenot, Annadale and Eltingville Stations. Those trains will connect with boats departing St. George Terminal at 7:00, 7:15, 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. New customer timetables are available at the St. George Terminal and on the MTA website at www.mta.info.