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### Service Improvements Highlight MTA Metro-North's October Schedule Change

Beginning Sunday, October 7 the Hudson, Harlem and New Haven Lines will provide more express service, better weekend and off peak service, additional midday service and Shoppers' Specials for the holiday period. New timetables are available now.

#### Hudson Line

The weekend 9:33 p.m. departure from Poughkeepsie, which requires a change of trains at Croton-Harmon, will operate as a through train to Grand Central, making a six-minute faster ride to Manhattan.

#### Harlem Line

A new schedule pattern will be in effect due to the completion of signal improvements. This pattern will allow more even 30-minute spacing of off-peak trains to lower Harlem Line customers, creating more reliable service and better on-time performance.

Wassaic branch connecting trains will now have 5 to 7-minute dwell time, as opposed to 2 minutes. This will allow a more assured train connection for customers whose trains may be running late.

The Sunday-only 6:15 p.m. train from Wassaic to Grand Central will operate 41 minutes later, departing at 6:56 p.m., in order to provide half-hourly service on the Upper Harlem Line at key stations during the 7-to-8 p.m. period.

#### New Haven Line

There will be additional off-peak weekday service on the Waterbury branch to bridge a four-hour service gap. There will be new late afternoon shuttle train departures northbound from Bridgeport and Southbound from Waterbury.

At the request of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, service to and from the New Haven-State Street Station will increase. The 7:34 a.m. departure from Grand Central will be extended one stop, terminating at New Haven State Street at 9:28 a.m. and the 3:33 p.m. departure from New Haven, will now originate at New Haven State Street at 3:29 p.m.

On CDOT's Shoreline East service, the 4:50 p.m. from Stamford to Old Saybrook will now depart Stamford seven minutes earlier to allow for more even half-hourly PM peak service on the branch.

Please consult the new Metro-North timetables, or go to the website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). By phone, within NYC, call 212-532-4900. Outside of NYC, dial 800-METRO-INFO. For the hearing impaired, please dial 800-724-3322-via teleprinter only.