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MTA Staten Island Railway Introduces Get-A-Way Service

Bringing Extra Service Before Holidays

Staten Island customers looking to get a head start on their celebrations will be able to catch earlier afternoon express train service on the day before select holidays, NYC Transit announced today. Beginning on Friday, May 23, 2008, the Staten Island Railway (SIR) will start Early Departure "Get-a-Way" service.

The "Get-a-Way" service plan was developed by managers at SIR, who noticed that in recent years the afternoon rush hour service before holidays did not match up with ridership patterns. Now, using a modified p.m. rush hour, service will be added earlier in the afternoon.

"With our new "Get-a-Way" schedule, there will be one express and one local train to meet every boat starting at 2:30 p.m.," said John G. Gaul, Chief Officer, Staten Island Railway. "That's double the service two hours earlier than usual," added Gaul. With this new service, riders on the express train will have a faster ride home and local riders should be more comfortable on less crowded trains.

Service Information Posters will be going up next week detailing the increased express service on Friday, May 23 for the Memorial Day Weekend; Thursday, July 3 for Independence Day; Friday, August 29 for the Labor Day Weekend; Wednesday, November 26 for Thanksgiving; Wednesday, December 24 for Christmas Day; and Wednesday, December 31, for New Year's Day.

For additional travel information, riders can call the NYC Transit Travel information: 718-330-1234 between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily. Riders can also plan travel itineraries on line any time of day by visiting NYC Transit's Trip Planner at <http://tripplanner.mta.info/>.