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New MTA Metro-North Railroad Timetables for Hudson Line Effective May 3 Includes Yankees – E. 153rd Street Station Stops Beginning May 23rd

Metro-North's new timetables effective May 3, with schedule adjustments on the Upper Hudson Line to accommodate track work, will for the first time show service to the new station at Yankees – E. 153rd Street, which opens Saturday May 23, 2009.

A new line in Hudson Line the timetable, between Harlem-125th Street and Morris Heights, will show regular, non-game-day train service. On Saturday May 23, the first southbound train, a local from Croton-Harmon, will stop at Yankees – E. 153rd Street at 5:49 a.m. and the first northbound train, also a Croton-Harmon local, will stop at 6:33 a.m.

The new station is in the same fare zone as University Heights and Morris Heights. It will be served by all Bronx locals, 365 days a year. On weekdays there will be 24 southbound and 27 northbound trains to provide service north to employment centers in Yonkers, Tarrytown, Beacon and Poughkeepsie as well as south to Harlem-125th Street and Manhattan. The new station is expected to be popular with locals and those who drive to the station and use the garage next to the stadium.

There will be a separate brochure and timetable for special Yankees game-day train service, including direct service from the Harlem and New Haven lines and shuttles to and from Manhattan.

On the Upper Hudson Line, the 6:41 a.m. train from Grand Central to Poughkeepsie is restored and customers will no longer be bused to stations between Peekskill and Poughkeepsie, as they were during April.

Due to the continuing concrete tie installation project between Beacon and Poughkeepsie, there will be schedule adjustments in all time periods with trains operating between 5 minutes later and 14 minutes earlier, and between 4 minutes slower and 11 minutes faster.

The 4:45 p.m. train will not operate to New Hamburg or Poughkeepsie. New Hamburg and Poughkeepsie customers can take either the 5:04 p.m. or the 5:12 p.m.

The 5:01 p.m. express train from Poughkeepsie to Grand Central will not operate for the duration of the track work.

These changes are temporary and the Hudson Line schedule will return to its previous pattern when concrete tie installation is complete, and a new timetable takes effect on July 12, 2009.

There are no service changes on the Harlem and New Haven lines, however new timetables will be issued on all three lines to reduce the potential for customer confusion.

To improve service to the West Bronx and the new station, the 5:27 a.m. local from Croton-Harmon will make additional stops at University Heights, Morris Heights, and beginning May 23, at Yankees-E. 153rd Street. This gives customers at these West Bronx stations the ability to arrive at Grand Central Terminal at 6:28 a.m., a full 31 minutes earlier than previously possible from the stations in this zone.

Additionally, beginning May 23, the 8:12 a.m. train from Greystone to Grand Central will stop at Yankees-E. 153rd Street at 8:32 a.m., to provide additional service from this station.

A new weekend Hudson Line express train will depart Grand Central at 7:56 p.m. serving Marble Hill, Yonkers, Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown, Ossining and Croton-Harmon.

The 7:45 p.m. weekend/holiday train to Poughkeepsie will now operate express from Grand Central to Croton-Harmon then make all stops from Croton-Harmon to Poughkeepsie

Of note to bicyclists, with the May 3 timetable, Metro-North is relaxing restrictions on bicycle transport by allowing bikes to be carried on most Reverse Peak trains and in the periods immediately around the evening peak period. So now, bikes will be allowed on most trains departing Grand Central between 3 p.m. and 3:59 p.m. and from 8:01 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Blanket prohibitions against bicycles during these periods will be replaced with train-specific restrictions. The object is to keep bicycles off those trains that have proven to be consistently crowded. The new timetables will provide customers with guidance on when bicycles may be carried aboard trains. Note: these symbols will only appear in the large, full-line (Hudson, Harlem and New Haven) timetables.

The intent of this change is to make Metro-North more "bike-friendly" and to attract new customers who wish to use bicycles as part of their workday travel plans. Folding bicycles are allowed on board Metro-North trains at all times.

New timetable are available at Grand Central Terminal and all outlying stations or visit the schedules page at www.mta.info