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### Minor Changes Only in New Metro-North Timetables Effective October 17

When Metro-North's fall timetables are implemented on Sunday October 17, there will be only minor changes to improve reliability.

**On the Hudson Line:** To standardize upper Hudson Line stopping patterns, the 6:16 PM Saturday-only train from Grand Central Terminal to Poughkeepsie will make additional stops at Croton-Harmon, Cortlandt, Garrison, and Cold Spring stations.

There are no schedule changes on the **Harlem Line**.

**On the New Haven Line** there are no weekend schedule changes. On weekdays, the 5:57 PM express from Grand Central Terminal to South Norwalk will now make a stop at Stamford station, to reduce a service gap to this busy station. Also, several trains have their departure and travel times adjusted up to three minutes earlier or later to resolve a variety of issues, from improving connections to correcting scheduling conflicts.

Once again, Metro-North will operate New Haven Line Shoppers' Special on Saturdays and Sundays between November 20th and December 18th. Sunday Shopper's Specials also will operate on December 26.

Last year, Metro-North operated 36 Shoppers' Specials each week during the busy holiday shopping season, resulting in a ten percent increase in ridership over normal weekend levels in spite of the poor economic environment in 2009. This service helps reduce traffic on the highways and add cheer to the holidays by making it easy to get into New York City when the city is at its most magical.

The additions to the holiday season schedule are generally well utilized, but not overcrowded, and there remains capacity for higher ridership this year.

Special schedules will be in effect on all three lines for the **Thanksgiving Weekend, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, weekdays between Christmas and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day**.

On the weekdays between Christmas and New Year's Eve, Metro-North provides extra service for people coming into New York City between 10am and 2pm, when ridership doubles over a normal mid-day. This increase reflects the high discretionary ridership among students on recess and shoppers taking advantage of after-Christmas sales.

Watch for additional information as the holiday season nears or visit this website.