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Weekday AM Peak New Haven Line Trains Revert to Regular Platforms

Beginning Thursday, March 25

Beginning Thursday, March 25, New Haven Line AM Peak trains and AM Reverse-Peak trains will revert to operating on their regular platforms between Old Greenwich and Rye, MTA Metro-North Railroad announced today.

The platform changes, which began March 15 to facilitate installation of concrete ties on the inbound local track, proved cumbersome both to customers and train operations.

In consultation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, a decision was made to install "bridgeplates" to span the out-of-service track at affected stations and allow customers to board a train stopped on the center, express track. This eliminates the need for customers to have to cross over to what is normally the outbound platform to catch their morning trains to New York City.

The use of bridgeplates also reduces the need for trains to "cross over" to pick up customers on the opposite side.

Because of the inconvenience to customers and the impact on train operations, the decision was made to use bridgeplates for the remainder of the track work, which will run through late May.