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Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale to Get Hudson Rail Link ServiceMTA Metro-North Railroad Expands Its Routes in the Bronx

Metro-North's popular and convenient Hudson Rail Link bus service to Riverdale and Spuyten Duyvil train stations is expanding with a new bus stop at the Hebrew Home for the Aged to give their employees better options for commuting to work as well as offering visitors a new travel option.

The Rail Link's "A" route will be changed to include a new stop at Palisades Avenue and 261st Street at the Home beginning on June 27. Initially the service will operate from the station to the Home during the AM and back to the station during the PM peak periods.

In addition, the Home has agreed to several infrastructure improvements that will stabilize the steep slope adjacent to the Home that has been prone to mudslides that have fouled Metro-North tracks below.

"I am hopeful that the Hudson Rail Link connection with the Hebrew Home will prove to be a success and that this will be the beginning of a new partnership between the railroad and the Home," said Metro-North President Howard Permut.

This new service will be provided at no additional cost to the operation and if ridership warrants, may be expanded.

Railroad employees soon will visit the Home for a "transportation day" in order to introduce the Home's 2,000 employees to the Hudson Rail Link bus and Metro-North rail service and to answer any questions they may have.

The Hudson Rail Link is a bus service initiated by Metro-North in 1991 to improve access to train service in the west Bronx where full-size city buses cannot reach the Hudson Line stations at Spuyten Duyvil and Riverdale due to the steep topography and narrow roads with switchback turns. Currently the fleet of 14 buses serves eight routes and carries 1,500 passengers each weekday meeting all trains at both stations from 6 AM and 11:45 P.M. A monthly Uniticket costs \$211.25. A single ride on the Rail Link, which uses a MetroCard, is \$2.25.