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Special Thanksgiving Schedule in Effect for Final Week of Port Jervis Busing

Heavy Traffic Around Woodbury Common Forces Detour

Unique travel patterns and extra holiday travelers over the Thanksgiving weekend always require a special schedule for Metro-North's West-of-Hudson customers and this year, the busing between Harriman and Ramsey/Route 17 is an additional wrinkle.

In anticipation of miserable "Black Friday" traffic jams around the Woodbury Common outlet center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Metro-North is allowing more time in the Port Jervis Line bus schedule to ensure that buses make their train connections in Ramsey/Route 17.

Buses will take a different route to avoid traffic. Buses will get off the Quickway/Route17 at Museum Village Road then go south through Monroe and Harriman villages on 17M.

Even with the extra travel times, customers may experience delays and should allow extra time for travel. Throughout the holiday weekend, take advantage of free parking at Beacon or Cortlandt stations on the Hudson Line, as Port Jervis Line commutation tickets are being honored for travel on the Hudson Line. (On Friday only, customers can use their Port Jervis Line commutation ticket on the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry or the Newburgh-Beacon Shuttle Bus.)

In addition, as Metro-North prepares to restore full train service on Nov. 28, customers may notice trains running on line as the railroad tests the new track and removes rust that has developed since service was suspended after Tropical Storm Irene devastated the line. These trains will not carry passengers.

On Wednesday, November 23, there will be a regular weekday schedule of buses and shuttle trains, with one additional bus connection for customers making the early getaway: The 2:36 PM from Hoboken (2:31 PM from New York-Penn Station Main/Bergen County train), which arrives Ramsey/Route 17 at 3:35 PM, will have bus connections for all stations between Sloatsburg and Port Jervis.

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, is a normal holiday schedule with an extra round trip bus-train connection for parade goers. Inbound, additional bus service from all stations will connect with the 7:17 AM from Ramsey/Route 17, and arrive in Hoboken at 8:19 AM and at New York-Penn Station at 8:32 AM.

Outbound, the 12:25 PM from Hoboken (12:14 PM from New York Penn Station Main), which arrives Ramsey Route 17 at 1:29 PM, will have bus connections for all stations between Sloatsburg and Port Jervis. (These additions are shown in the current November 6th Port Jervis Line Post-Storm Interim Service timetable.)

Between Friday, November 25 and Sunday, November 27, eastbound buses (to Ramsey/Route 17) will depart their stations earlier than shown in the published schedules, to allow for traffic and additional travel time in the Monroe-Harriman area associated with heavy shopping crowds visiting the Woodbury Common Premium Outlets Center in Central Valley.

Traffic is typically tied up for miles around, and therefore buses will take different routes, avoiding NY Route 17 (the Quickway) and the NYS Thruway. We will publish special bus/train schedules on the MTA web site and on station posters.

And here's something to be thankful for: On Monday, November 28, full Port Jervis Line train service resumes.

The Pascack Valley Line:

On Wednesday, November 23, Metro-North will operate a regular weekday schedule, with one additional outbound train for customers making an early getaway: 2:51 PM from Hoboken (2:33 PM from New York-Penn Station), arriving Spring Valley at 4:02 PM. To accommodate this train, the 5:55 PM from Hoboken/5:44 from New York-Penn Station will not operate.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 24, the Pascack Valley Line will operate on a regular holiday (Sunday) schedule.

On "Black Friday," November 25, a regular weekday schedule is in effect.

On Saturday and Sunday, November 26 & 27, a regular weekend schedule is in effect.