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### Waterbury Branch Bus Substitution Schedule Altered to Improve Reliability

MTA Metro-North Railroad in conjunction with the Connecticut Department of Transportation is altering the schedule for bus substitutions on the Waterbury Branch in order to improve reliability and ensure that customers make the connection to train service at Bridgeport.

The buses will depart Waterbury Branch stations between 9 and 20 minutes prior to the scheduled train departure time so that no one will miss the connection at Bridgeport.

On the northbound trip from Bridgeport to Waterbury, buses will depart Bridgeport as soon as all customers are aboard.

The railroad has been forced by an extreme shortage of electric cars on the New Haven main line to borrow diesel-hauled trains from the Waterbury Branch in Connecticut and the Upper Harlem Line in New York State, requiring the operation of buses on the Waterbury Branch. These locomotive-driven trains are supplementing the electric fleet while mechanical forces work around the clock to repair the aging M-2, M-4 and M-6 cars.

The busing plan is expected to remain in effect until March 4.

Travelers who use MTA Metro-North Railroad's Waterbury branch will be riding buses for the trip to Bridgeport for a connection to train service.

Station signs with the new schedule have been posted. A new timetable also is being printed. For the new bus schedule please visit the Metro-North pages at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).