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New Haven Line Concrete Tie Work Begins March 21st

Catenary Replacement Continues in Two Locations

Installation of concrete ties on the New Haven Line between the New York and the Connecticut state line and at the Stamford Station is entering its final phase this spring.

Between March 21 and June 26, Metro-North Railroad will be replacing concrete ties on the outbound local track (Track 4) from Rye to Greenwich. Customers at Rye, Port Chester and Greenwich stations will be using bridge plates to board and exit trains and should use caution. Never wait for a train on a bridge plate.

Preparation work for and installation of concrete ties at Stamford Station will result in track changes at Stamford from March 23 until April 1. Customers should listen for announcements.

This project, along with continuing catenary replacement work, greatly limits Metro-North's operating flexibility on the New Haven Line, normally a four-track railroad, as there are fewer tracks available to use for train service. As a result, customers may experience some delays during these crucial infrastructure improvements.

The Catenary Replacement Project

Replacement of century-old catenary wires continues with two tracks out-of-service between Southport and Bridgeport stations for the next few years and one track out of service between Stamford and South Norwalk, Track 4, the last of four tracks in the section to be replaced. That work will be completed this spring.

At the moment, about half of the New Haven Line in Connecticut is either out of service for repairs or operating under 100-year-old wire.

Catenary and bridge replacement projects will continue for years to come because the work must be phased to limit impacts on train service on the line, the busiest rail line in North America.