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### Waterbury Branch Substitute Bus Service Extended

As crews work to complete catenary work in Bridgeport and rail and bridge work on the Waterbury Branch, Metro-North Railroad is extending substitute bus service on the branch through Sunday, September 23. Initially, the substitute bus service was to have continued only through September 2.

The Waterbury Branch track outage will allow the Connecticut Department of Transportation to complete the overhead catenary wire replacement in Bridgeport while rehabilitating four bridges over rivers and streams in Seymour, Beacon Falls and Naugatuck. Metro-North maintenance of way forces are also using the track outage to install five miles of continuous welded rail south of Derby-Shelton, upgrade several switches, refurbish several grade crossings and resurface the track for the entire line for a smoother ride. Unanticipated work associated with all three projects has required the extension of bus service on the branch for the three additional weeks.

Substitute buses will replace trains, resulting in travel times up to fifteen minutes longer for all customers on the Waterbury Branch. Southbound buses (from Waterbury to Bridgeport) will depart Waterbury Branch stations up to 15 minutes earlier than the train times. Northbound buses (from Bridgeport to Waterbury) will follow the train schedule, however the trip may take up to 15 minutes longer.

There will be no Waterbury Branch train service during this period.

Train service will resume on Monday, September 24.