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### Hudson Line Derailment Recovery Progresses

#### *Regular Service on Friday, July 26; Weekend Train/Bus Service in Effect*

Salvage and reconstruction efforts on Metro-North Railroad's Hudson Line are progressing with the removal tonight and Thursday night of the remaining three flat cars of a derailed CSX freight train near Spuyten Duyvil Station in the Bronx.

For tonight, July 24, and tomorrow night, July 25, after 10 PM, Metro-North will be busing between Yonkers and Mount Vernon West stations to give the railroad workers unconstrained access to the derailment site to remove derailed cars and rebuild track can be completed.

Southbound customers will get off their Hudson Line train and take a special bus from Yonkers to Mount Vernon West where they will board a special express train to Grand Central. Northbound Hudson Line customers will take an express train on regularly scheduled Hudson departure times from Grand Central to Mount Vernon West, where a special bus will be waiting for the trip to Yonkers, where they will then board a Hudson Line train.

The approximately 1,500 people who ordinarily use the Hudson Line after 10 PM should expect 30-to-45 minutes of additional travel time. Bronx customers are strongly encouraged to use NYCT Subway and/or bus service. Regular Metro-North Hudson Line train service will resume with the first AM-Peak train each morning.

On Friday, July 26, regular Hudson Line train service will operate the entire day, including regular direct service to Yankees-East 153rd Street Station for the Friday night Yankees-Tampa Bay game. There will be no substitute busing after 10 p.m.

All weekend long, Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28, a substitute train/bus schedule between Yonkers on the Hudson Line and the Woodlawn <sup>4</sup> subway stop will be in effect in order to get the rebuilding work done quickly and restore full operating capacity for the first time since the July 18th derailment.

Details on the weekend train/bus schedule will be available Thursday afternoon at [mta.info](http://mta.info)

On Monday, July 29, regular train service will resume with the first AM-Peak departures.

The outstanding work of Metro-North and NYC Transit employees working through the worst heat wave of the summer enabled the return of one of the two tracks in that area to service in time for Monday morning's rush hour. There have been scattered delays up to 15 minutes due to the limited operating capacity with one track still out of service.

The work has been constrained by the location of the derailment, an area bordered by high rock walls necessitating some removal work to be done manually, rather than using machinery. Cranes and other heavy equipment have to be repositioned because of the constrained environment. As a result of these conditions the work is taking significantly longer to ensure that it is done safely.

As of Wednesday morning July 24, Metro-North had removed all 40 garbage-filled containers from the derailment site. Three CSX train cars that carry the containers remain derailed at the site. Once these three cars are re-railed and removed, the Track and Power departments will begin to rebuild 1,500 feet of damaged track.

Metro-North expects the three remaining cars will be removed by Friday, at which all efforts will be on rebuilding with a goal of both tracks back in full service Monday morning.

Metro-North appreciates the patience of its customers, who are urged sign up for free email or text message service updates at [mta.info](http://mta.info).