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Significant Progress Made on Hudson Line Rebuilding

After Derailment of a Freight Train Near Spuyten Duyvil

Metro-North Railroad will continue using substitute busing south of Yonkers Station on the Hudson Line starting at 10 p.m. tonight (Thursday, July 25) as crews rebuild track damaged by last week's freight train derailment.

Customers should expect 30-to-45 minutes in additional travel time. Bronx customers are strongly encouraged to use NYCT Subway and/or bus service. Check mta.info for schedule details.

On Friday, July 26, regular train service resumes with the first AM Peak train--there will be no substitute bus service after 10 PM. Regular train service will operate the entire day, including service to and from the Yankees home game.

A bus-train schedule will be in effect all weekend, Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28, in order to get the rebuilding work done quickly and restore full operating capacity as soon as possible.

Details on the weekend train/bus schedule are as follows:

Hourly Hudson Line train service will operate between Poughkeepsie and Yonkers stations through this weekend.

There will be no Hudson Line Yankees game-day service. Direct Yankees game-day service will operate on the Harlem Line this weekend, including an extra Harlem Line train.

For southbound Hudson Line service: Trains will serve all stations between Poughkeepsie and Yonkers stations and connect with direct shuttle bus service to the Woodlawn No. 4 subway station. Customers going to the Yankees game can get off at the 161st-Yankee Stadium subway stop. Others will continue into Grand Central in Manhattan.

For northbound Hudson Line service: customers should take the No. 4 Lexington Avenue express from Grand Central to the Woodlawn subway station where a dedicated Metro-North shuttle bus will operate directly to Yonkers Station and connect with train service to Poughkeepsie. The last bus will depart Woodlawn for Yonkers at 1:30 AM.

Northbound customers going to Yankees Stadium should take the No. 4 subway to the 161st-Yankee Stadium subway stop.

Customers should allow additional travel time of 45-60 minutes for the connection between Woodlawn and Yonkers.

Customers are strongly encouraged to use the Harlem Line for points of travel north and south. Hudson Line tickets will be honored on the Harlem Line and most Metro-North Harlem Line stations (see list of stations) provide free weekend parking.

Ludlow customers should use Yonkers Station.

Customers between Riverdale and Morris Heights stations should use NYCT subway and/or local bus service. There will be no shuttle bus service available.

Free subway/bus transfers will be provided.

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

Progress of Work:

Metro-North and NYC Transit employees responded immediately to the scene, working in grueling weather conditions throughout the weekend to remove derailed cars and containers and return one of the two tracks in that area to service. Their efforts allowed us to operate a regular Hudson Line schedule during the day starting on Monday morning. However, there have been scattered delays up to 15 minutes due to the limited operating capacity with one track still out of service.

As of Thursday morning July 25, the last three derailed CSX train cars were removed and Metro North worker have begun to rebuild 1,500 feet of damaged track.

From the start, besides the dangerous temperatures, the Metro-North workforce has faced a significant impediment because the incident occurred in a two-track area bordered by high walls of rock necessitating some removal work to be done manually, rather than using machinery. Cranes constantly

had to be repositioned because of the constrained environment, causing the work to take significantly longer than it ordinarily would.

Metro-North appreciates the patience of its customers as recovery and reconstruction efforts.