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### Metro-North Schedules to Change April 26

#### *A Number of Minor Schedule Adjustments Aim to Improve Reliability and Convenience*

Metro-North Railroad's new train schedules effective Sunday, April 26, improve reliability and put more trains in service, making travel more convenient for customers. The schedules also will temporarily lengthen weekend travel times by up to five minutes to provide the appropriate track outages necessary to perform critical track maintenance work and capital construction projects.

#### Harlem Line

On weekends, Metro-North is adding a new train from Grand Central to Southeast, and is extending five trains that currently begin or end their runs at Mount Kisco, meaning more trains stopping at more stations.

The new train will depart Grand Central at 1:22 p.m. and make select stops between Scarsdale and Southeast. The 2:22 p.m. and 3:22 p.m. trains from Grand Central will be extended to Southeast, stopping at Bedford Hills, Katonah, Goldens Bridge, Purdy's, Croton Falls and Brewster. The southbound trains that originate at Mount Kisco at 4:02 p.m., 5:02 p.m. and 6:02 p.m. will instead originate at Southeast, increasing service availability to those stations as well.

On weekdays, to reduce crowding on the 6:51 a.m. train from Southeast, the train will instead originate at Goldens Bridge. Approximately 220 customers who normally board at Southeast, Brewster, Croton Falls or Purdy's will be able to take the 7:01 a.m. train from Southeast, which makes fewer stops and arrives at Grand Central Terminal just two minutes after the 6:51 a.m. train. To avoid the potential for overcrowding on the 7:01 a.m. train, it will no longer stop at White Plains. And to reduce the potential for congestion in this time period, the 6:00 a.m. from Wassaic will depart eleven minutes earlier, at 5:49 a.m.

#### New Haven Line

To better serve more Danbury Branch customers, a direct train to Danbury will depart from Grand Central at 8:01 p.m. This train will replace a Danbury-bound shuttle train that had originated at South Norwalk at 9:18 p.m. To allow for equipment to be in place for this new train, the 4:29 p.m. Danbury-bound departure from Grand Central, will be replaced by a Danbury-bound train originating in Stamford at 5:18 p.m. (with connecting service from Grand Central). Ridership studies found that only 9% of the riders of the 4:29 p.m. train who boarded at Grand Central were using it for travel to Danbury Branch stations.

The new 8:01 p.m. train from Grand Central to Danbury will take the place of the current 8:03 p.m. train to New Haven. As a result, the existing 8:06 p.m. train to New Haven will make additional stops at Stamford, East Norwalk, Green's Farms, and Southport, and will depart one minute later.

On the Waterbury Branch, two major construction projects will impact train service between April and October.

- From April 25 through May 3, track work will be performed on the single-track Waterbury Branch. Substitute bus service will be provided at all times during this nine day outage. Bus schedules will be communicated to customers via special seat notices and other customer communications methods.
- From May 4 through early October, a steel repair project on the Devon Movable Bridge will prevent Waterbury Branch trains from accessing the main line between the junction point and Bridgeport station, where connections are normally made between main line and Waterbury Branch trains. During this time a temporary platform will permit transfers between Waterbury Branch and main line trains at a temporary station known as "Devon Transfer," located where the Waterbury Branch track connects with the main line west of Milford.

#### Hudson Line

In response to customer requests, the weekday 7:39 a.m. train from Irvington will begin stopping at Greystone, at 7:50 a.m.

The weeknight 10:55 p.m. semi-express from Croton-Harmon will be combined with the 11:00 p.m. local from Croton-Harmon. Counter to a general ridership increase, ridership at this time of night in this direction has declined, and this change will allow the railroad to better position its trains to improve reliability at busier times.

The train that currently departs Poughkeepsie at 8:59 a.m. on weekdays will now depart at 9:15 a.m. This train will also add stops at Ossining and Tarrytown, similar to other off-peak Poughkeepsie trains.

