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### Metro-North to Make Waterbury Branch Track Improvements During Weekends of June 9-11 and June 16-18

#### *Buses Will Substitute for Trains to Accommodate Track Improvement Work*

MTA Metro-North Railroad today announced that crews will perform \$800,000 in track improvement work on the Waterbury Branch this coming weekend, June 9-11, and next weekend, June 16-18, to ensure the on-going reliability and safety of the railroad.

Over the next two weekends, Metro-North crews will renew the Farrel's Road crossing in Ansonia and the Eagle Street crossing in Waterbury; workers will replace crossing surfaces, rails and ties. Elsewhere along the tracks, crews will cut brush and weld rail joints.

As a result of these track improvements, substitute bus service on both weekends will begin after 8:30 p.m. on Friday and continue through continue through the last scheduled train on Sunday.

Southbound buses will operate 15 -30 minutes earlier than scheduled trains. Northbound buses (from Bridgeport to Waterbury) will follow the train schedule, however customers should allow for additional travel time. Metro-North urges customers to listen for announcements and check local or express bus service to their destination while boarding.

Service details are below.

#### **Fridays: June 9, 16**

**Southbound:** A bus departing from Waterbury at 10:02 p.m. will replace the 10:05 p.m. train. Buses departing from all station stops from Naugatuck to Derby-Shelton will operate 15-30 minutes earlier than scheduled trains. At the Bridgeport station, customers will connect with the regularly scheduled 11:08 p.m. to Grand Central Terminal.

Customers can view scheduled bus departure times at these links:

<http://web.mta.info/mnr/pdf/Waterbury6.9.pdf>

[http://web.mta.info/mnr/pdf/Waterburybus6\\_16.pdf](http://web.mta.info/mnr/pdf/Waterburybus6_16.pdf)

**Northbound:** Trains departing from Grand Central Terminal at 6:53 p.m. and 9:39 p.m. will connect with buses at the Bridgeport station for continuing service to the Waterbury station. Buses are scheduled to meet the arriving trains. Buses will stop at the normal train station stops, but will operate between 10-20 minutes later, depending upon the destination. The bus connecting with the 9:39 p.m. train from Grand Central Terminal, departing Bridgeport at 11:20 p.m., will operate between 15-40 minutes later, depending on destination.

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#### **Saturdays and Sundays: June 10-11, 17-18**

**Southbound:** Buses will depart from the Waterbury station at: 7:06 a.m., 9:59 a.m., 1:06 p.m., 4:06 p.m., 7:06 p.m. and 10:06 p.m. Buses departing from all station stops from Naugatuck to Derby-Shelton will operate up to 20 minutes earlier than scheduled trains. At Bridgeport, customers will connect with regularly scheduled trains for continuing service to Grand Central Terminal.

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**Northbound:** Buses will depart from the Bridgeport station for all regularly scheduled stops to the Waterbury station. Buses are timed to meet scheduled trains, but the trip could take an additional 5-25 minutes, depending upon the destination.

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#### **Many Channels for Service Information**

Metro-North encourages customers to sign up for train service updates. Information about this and all planned service changes is available via many

channels.

**Email and text message service updates** – Metro-North encourages customers to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting [MyMTAAlerts.com](https://mymtaalerts.com). To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

**MTA.info** - The rail tab of the “Service Status” box at the left side of [www.MTA.info](https://www.mta.info) is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit [www.mta.info/mnr](https://www.mta.info/mnr) to see special service notices in the upper center of the page.

**@MetroNorth on Twitter** – Twitter users can follow @MetroNorth to receive updates of a similar nature to the email and text alerts, shortened to fit Twitter’s format.

**Metro-North Train Time app** – Customers who use the Metro-North Train Time app will see up-to-the-minute status for each upcoming train at each station. The app is available via the Apple Store for iOS devices or Google Play Store for Android along with MTA eTix - Metro-North Railroad’s mobile ticketing app which allows customers to buy Metro-North tickets on their mobile device -- anytime, anywhere. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route.

The above communications channels can be accessed while at home or on the go. For customers who are located at stations, Metro-North will post the latest service updates on **digital signs** at station platforms and will make **audio announcements** over public address systems, and **on-board announcements** made by train crews.

For those who prefer the **telephone**, information is available from the Metro-North’s Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: “Metro-North Railroad.” For customers calling from Connecticut, the number is: 877-690-5114. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach Metro-North at 511.