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Metro-North to Install Positive Train Control Equipment on the Upper Harlem Line from Wednesday, October 17, through Sunday, October 21

Buses to Substitute for Select Weekday Trains and All Weekend Trains Between Wassaic and Southeast to Accommodate Safety Upgrade and Track Improvements

MTA Metro-North Railroad today announced that crews will install Positive Train Control equipment between Wassaic and Southeast from Wednesday, October 17, through Sunday, October 21, which will result in temporary service changes on the upper Harlem Line.

Crews will install two antenna poles and two radio boxes that are required in order to make Positive Train Control (PTC) operational on the branch. Metro-North will perform a fiber optic splice that allows this newly PTC installed equipment to communicate with the rest of the system. Positive Train Control is a technology designed to reduce the potential for human error that can lead to train-involved accidents.

In addition to making this safety upgrade, Metro-North crews will replace the highway grade crossing at Tenmile River Station on Sinpatch Road in the town of Wassaic. Elsewhere along the branch, crews will surface track, cut brush and trees, weld joints and renew drainage ditches.

To accommodate this safety upgrade and maintenance improvements to the Harlem Line, buses will substitute for trains traveling between Wassaic and Southeast from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. from Wednesday, October 17, through Friday, October 19.

Substitute bus service will be back in effect after 10:30 p.m. on Friday, October 19, and continues through Sunday, October 21. Regular southbound train service resumes on Monday, October 22 with the 5:10 a.m. train from Wassaic. Regular northbound train service resumes on Monday, October 22 with the 7:40 a.m. train from Southeast.

Service details are below:

Weekday:

Southbound: Wednesday, October 17 through Friday, October 19

From 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., and from 10:30 pm until midnight, buses will substitute for trains from Wassaic to Southeast, making all scheduled stops at the following stations: Tenmile River, Dover Plains, Harlem Valley-Wingdale, Pawling and Patterson. Bus service will operate 20-40 minutes **earlier** than normally scheduled train times. Buses will connect with regularly scheduled trains at Southeast for continuing service to Grand Central Terminal.

Northbound: Wednesday, October 17 through Friday, October 19

From 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from 10:30 pm until 2 am Saturday, buses will substitute for trains from Southeast to Wassaic, making all scheduled stops at the following stations: Patterson, Pawling, Harlem Valley-Wingdale, Dover Plains, Tenmile River and Wassaic. Customers should allow up to 30 minutes in additional travel time, depending on the destination station.

Weekend:

Southbound: Saturday, October 20 and Sunday October 21

Substitute bus service will be provided for all trains departing Wassaic and the following station stops: Tenmile River, Dover Plains, Harlem Valley-Wingdale, Appalachian Trail, Pawling and Patterson.

At Southeast Station, customers will connect with continuing train service to Grand Central Terminal. Buses will operate up to 30 minutes earlier than normal train times.

Regular southbound train service resumes on Monday, October 22 with the 5:10 a.m. train from Wassaic.

Northbound: Saturday, October 20 and Sunday October 21

Customers will connect with substitute bus service at the Southeast station for the following station stops: Paterson, Pawling, Appalachian Trail, Harlem Valley-Wingdale, Dover Plains, Tenmile River and Wassaic.

Regular northbound train service resumes on Monday, October 22 with the 7:40 a.m. train from Southeast

For a detailed bus and train schedule, customers should visit:

http://web.mta.info/mnr/pdf/10-02-18_WassaicBus_v1.pdf

Many Channels for Service Updates

Information about the planned schedule change noted in this press release, and all planned service changes, is available through Metro-North Railroad's real-time service information sources.

MYmta app – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app will see real-time travel information for Metro-North and connecting services all in one place, with push notifications when service is not operating normally. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route. The Metro-North Train Time app also remains available for customers to access Metro-North train information.

MTA.info - The rail tab of the "Service Status" box at new.mta.info is always the definitive source for the latest status for each line, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit www.mta.info/mnr to see special service notices in the upper center of the page.

Email and text message service updates – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting MyMTAAlerts.com. To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

@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.

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.