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### Metro-North to Perform Ultrasonic Rail Testing Between Southeast and Wassaic on Tuesday, July 10 Through Thursday, July 12

#### *Buses to Substitute for Certain Off-Peak Trains to Accommodate Track Maintenance*

MTA Metro-North Railroad advises customers that it will perform ultrasonic rail testing on the Upper Harlem Line tomorrow, Tuesday, July 10, continuing through Thursday, July 12. Metro-North will put the specialized Sperry Rail car into action on the section of track between Southeast and Wassaic. The railroad uses this high-tech piece of equipment to detect defects and metal fatigue inside the steel rails, inspecting them with ultrasonic and induction test equipment. The Sperry Rail car identifies issues before they become major problems, resulting in a safer, smoother ride and more reliable service.

To accommodate Upper Harlem Line maintenance and improvements, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10 through Thursday, July 12, buses will substitute for trains between Southeast and Wassaic on the Harlem Line. Buses will operate 20-40 minutes earlier than scheduled trains.

Service details are below:

#### **Southbound**

From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 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**

From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 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 for later arrival times.

For a detailed bus service schedule, customers may visit: [http://web.mta.info/mnr/pdf/Wassaic6\\_20\\_18\\_Layout2.pdf](http://web.mta.info/mnr/pdf/Wassaic6_20_18_Layout2.pdf)

#### **Many Channels for Service Updates**

Information about the planned service 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.