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### Replacement of Ann Street Railroad Bridge in Norwalk, CT Continues Over Weekends of June 8-10, and June 15-17

#### *Buses to Substitute for Danbury Branch Weekend Trains to Accommodate Upgrade*

Metro-North Railroad advises customers that during the weekends June 8-10 and June 15-17, Connecticut Department of Transportation crews will start the first half of the Ann Street Railroad Bridge superstructure replacement in Norwalk, which will improve operations along the New Haven Line.

The Ann Street Bridge currently carries two railroad tracks; the renewed bridge will carry a third to help alleviate congestion. During the first phase of the bridge replacement, crews will install temporary retaining walls. Once the retaining walls are in place, crews will remove two steel bridge beams on the eastern half of the bridge.

The replacement of the Ann Street Railroad Bridge supports the Danbury Branch Dockyard Project, which will enhance operations on the New Haven Line by providing a midline yard location where trains are stored and staged when not in use on the mainline.

The Danbury Branch Dockyard Project is part of the Walk Bridge Program, a series of projects that will facilitate the replacement of the 122-year old four-track swing bridge over the Norwalk River.

Metro-North crews will take advantage of the outage to weld track and cut brush along the Danbury Branch.

To support work essential to maintaining and improving service on the Danbury branch, buses will substitute for trains on the weekends of June 8-10 and June 15-17. Customers should also be advised that a 50-day road closure of Ann Street will start on June 13 to facilitate construction work in the vicinity.

More information on the bridge replacement and a detour map for the Ann Street closure can be found at: [www.walkbridge.com](http://www.walkbridge.com)

Service details are below:

#### **Southbound, Fridays: June 8, 15**

After 9 p.m., buses will substitute for all trains departing from Danbury to South Norwalk, making all scheduled stops to South Norwalk. Buses operate up to 15 minutes **earlier** than normal train times and will connect with regularly scheduled trains at Stamford.

#### **Northbound, Fridays: June 8, 15**

After 9 p.m., buses will substitute for all trains departing from South Norwalk to Danbury, making all station stops to Danbury. Buses will depart at regularly scheduled train times, but customers should allow for later arrival times.

#### **Northbound, Saturdays and Sundays: June 9-10, 16-17**

Buses will substitute for all trains departing from South Norwalk to Danbury, making all station stops to Danbury. Buses will depart from South Norwalk at regularly scheduled train times, but customers should allow for later arrival times. For exact bus arrival times, customers should visit this link:

#### **Southbound, Saturdays and Sundays: June 9-10, 16-17**

Buses will substitute for all trains departing from Danbury to South Norwalk. Buses will operate up to 15 minutes **earlier** than normal train times. At South Norwalk station, customers will connect with regularly scheduled train service.

For exact bus departure times, customers can visit:

<http://web.mta.info/mnr/pdf/DanburyBusingJune2018Layout1.pdf>

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

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

**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.

**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.

MTA.info – The rail tab of the “Service Status” box at the left side of [www.MTA.info](http://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](http://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.

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.