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Metro-North Continues Replacement of Patterson Bridges on Upper Harlem Line Weekends of Oct. 12-13, and 19-20

Buses to Substitute for Weekend Trains Between Wassaic and Southeast to Accommodate Infrastructure Improvement

MTA Metro-North Railroad advises customers that during the weekends of Oct. 12-13, and Oct. 19-20, crews will continue work on the first phase of the replacement of the Patterson bridges, located between Wassaic and Southeast on the Harlem Line. Both bridges are located in an area known as the "Great Swamp," with no existing road adjacent to the track. Crews are also constructing a temporary access road into the site. The road needs to be in place before the replacement work can begin. Once the new bridges are in place, the access road will be removed and the area restored to its original condition. Metro-North crews will take advantage of this outage to weld track and cut brush.

To accommodate this crucial infrastructure work, buses will substitute for weekend trains over the next two weekends, Saturday, Oct. 12, through Sunday, Oct. 13, and Saturday, Oct. 19, through Sunday, Oct. 20.

Service details are below:

Southbound

After 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11, and Friday, Oct. 18, 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 15 to 30 minutes **earlier** than normal train times.

Regular southbound train service resumes on Monday, Oct. 14, and Monday, Oct. 21 with the 5:10 a.m. train from Wassaic.

Northbound

After 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11, and Friday, Oct. 18, 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.

Customers should allow up to 30 minutes in additional travel time, depending on the destination station.

Regular northbound train service resumes on Monday, Oct. 14, and Monday, Oct. 21, 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/9-18-19_Wassaic_v5.pdf

Many Ways to Stay Connected:

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 & MTA.info – 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. 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.

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.