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Metro-North Continues Improvements to Harlem Line During Weekends of July 27-28, August 3-4, August 10-11 and August 17-18

Buses to Substitute for Trains at Melrose and Tremont Stations to Accommodate Weekend Upgrade Work

MTA Metro-North Railroad advises customers that crews will continue making aggressive infrastructure improvements in the Bronx over the next four consecutive weekends: July 27-28, August 3-4, August 10-11 and August 17-18.

Putting its new SMARTRACK program into action, Metro-North crews will strategically shut down a continuous segment of track between Woodlawn and Mott Haven so that multiple work groups have uninterrupted access to maintain and enhance the system.

During the weekend work, there will be a continuous outage on a middle track that expands to two tracks during the next four weekends, thus affecting train service to Melrose and Tremont.

Over the next four weekends, work crews will make drainage improvements, remediate mud spots, install new rail and insulated joints, weld track and remove trees.

To accommodate this infrastructure improvement, weekend trains will not stop at Melrose and Tremont station; there will be substitute busing between Melrose, Tremont and Fordham, where buses will connect with Harlem Line train service.

Buses departing from Melrose and Tremont to connect at Fordham with Harlem Line trains, will depart **earlier** than scheduled trains to allow time for street traffic and the need to transfer from the bus to the train at Fordham. Buses from Fordham to Tremont and Melrose will arrive **later** than scheduled trains.

Details are as follows:

Customers traveling to Melrose and Tremont:

Customers traveling from Westchester to Melrose and Tremont will take the train to Fordham where they will connect with substitute bus service to Melrose and Tremont stations. Buses are scheduled to connect with arriving trains.

Buses will operate approximately **25 minutes later** at Tremont than scheduled trains and approximately **40 minutes later** at Melrose than scheduled trains.

Customers traveling from Grand Central Terminal to Melrose and Tremont will take the train to Fordham, where they will connect with substitute bus service to Melrose and Tremont. Buses are scheduled to connect with arriving trains.

Buses will operate approximately **25 minutes later** at Tremont than scheduled trains, and approximately **40 minutes later** at Melrose than scheduled trains.

Customers traveling from Melrose and Tremont to Westchester or Grand Central Terminal:

Customers traveling from Melrose and Tremont toward Westchester will take substitute buses to Fordham for northbound train service.

Buses will operate approximately **35 minutes earlier** at Melrose than scheduled trains and approximately **25 minutes earlier** at Tremont than scheduled trains.

Customers traveling from Melrose and Tremont toward Grand Central Terminal will take substitute buses to Fordham for southbound train service.

Buses will operate approximately **45 minutes earlier** at Melrose than scheduled trains, and approximately **30 minutes earlier** at Tremont than scheduled trains.

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.