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Metro-North Begins Replacement of Two Bridges in Patterson Bridges on Upper Harlem Line from Monday, Sept. 16, Through, Friday, Nov. 15

Buses to Substitute for Certain Off-Peak Trains Between Wassaic and Southeast to Accommodate Infrastructure Improvement

MTA Metro-North Railroad advises customers that the first phase of the replacement of two bridges in Patterson, located between Wassaic and Southeast on the Harlem Line, gets underway on Monday, Sept. 16, continuing through Friday, Nov. 15. Both bridges are located in an area known as the "Great Swamp," with no road adjacent to the track. Crews will begin work constructing a temporary access road into the site. The road needs to be in place before crews can begin the actual replacement work. 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 select off-peak weekday trains between Southeast and Wassaic on the Harlem Line between Monday, Sept. 16, and Friday, Nov. 15, inclusive.

Service details are below:

Southbound to Southeast

Buses will substitute for the 10:24 a.m., 12:24 p.m., 2:218 p.m., and 4:18 p.m. 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 depending on the boarding station. Buses will connect with regularly scheduled trains at Southeast for continuing service to Grand Central Terminal.

Northbound to Wassaic

Buses will substitute for the 9:33 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 1:33 p.m., and 3:33 p.m. trains from Southeast to Wassaic, making all scheduled stops at the following stations: Patterson, Pawling, Harlem Valley-Wingdale, Dover Plains, Tenmile River and Wassaic.

Buses will operate between 10-30 minutes later than scheduled train depending on the destination station.

For a detailed schedule, customers may visit: http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/wassaic_branch_bus_sep2019.htm

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.

