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New Metro-North Schedules Take Effect on Sunday, October 2, To Improve Reliability and Convenience

Schedule Changes Include Enhanced Service at Melrose and Tremont Stations

MTA Metro-North Railroad today announced that routine schedule adjustments to certain Metro-North Railroad Harlem and New Haven Line trains will take effect on Sunday, October 2. As part of this schedule change, the railroad will increase service at the Melrose and Tremont stations as a demonstration project to gauge the effect on ridership. On the Hudson Line, a temporary construction-related service change will be in effect on Saturday, October 8, and Sunday, October 9.

Other schedule adjustments are generally two minutes or less. These small schedule changes will enhance on-time performance, support critical track maintenance work and capital construction projects, and address customer requests for additional service. In its efforts to continually improve on-time performance, Metro-North analyzes incremental data about train timing, crew changes and equipment changes, and these minor time adjustments will reduce the likelihood of cascading delays.

Harlem Line

In an effort to build ridership and provide Bronx residents with more convenient travel options, the railroad will implement a demonstration project to increase service at the Melrose and Tremont stations from the current two-hour frequency to hourly frequency. This demonstration project will make service at Melrose and Tremont stations consistent with other Bronx stations.

In addition to the increased frequency, the service day will be extended, with earlier inbound service on weekdays and significantly later outbound service on weekdays and weekends.

- Weekday southbound service will expand from: 7:20 a.m. – 10:41 p.m., to: 5:51 a.m. – 12:55 a.m.
- Weekday northbound service will expand from: 5:38 a.m. – 9:25 p.m., to: 5:38 a.m. – 1:16 a.m.
- Weekend southbound service will expand from: 6:44 a.m. – 10:44 p.m., to: 6:44 a.m. – 12:44 a.m.
- Weekend northbound service will expand from: 6:25 a.m. – 9:25 p.m., to: 6:25 a.m. – 1:16 a.m.

This demonstration project will continue through October 2017. If ridership and operational impact deem the project a success, the railroad will undertake the necessary steps to make the service permanent.

Elsewhere on the Harlem Line, to improve on-time performance, running time adjustments of between 1-2 minutes will be made to 11 morning rush hour trains and to 10 evening rush hour trains.

The 9:25 p.m. shuttle from Southeast to Wassaic will depart two minutes later to reflect the performance of the connecting train, for a total New York City-Wassaic timetable increase of four minutes.

New Haven Line

To further address congestion in Stamford during evening rush hour travel, the 7:04 p.m. local train from Stamford to Grand Central Terminal will depart 3 minutes later. This change will better streamline New Haven Line operations during the evening rush, improving on-time performance.

Two minutes of travel time will be added to five morning rush hour trains, reflecting actual station dwell times and improving on-time performance. One additional train will have intermediate stop times adjusted, but no overall running time increase.

Bridge timber replacement and catenary work at Devon will be complete. As a result, the temporary Devon Transfer station will be decommissioned, and customers will once again be able to transfer to/from Waterbury Branch trains at Bridgeport.

Hudson Line Service Change on Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9

On the weekend of October 8 and 9, Metro-North will be completing the final phase of its project replacing switches in the vicinity of Yankee Stadium. The work at this critical location on the railroad requires two of the three main line tracks to be taken out of service. As a result, Hudson Line service will be reduced from half-hourly to hourly at most times during that weekend. A limited number of additional trains will be operated during the busiest travel times on both days the project is taking place. In addition, some trains that operate between Grand Central Terminal and Poughkeepsie will operate in two sections – Grand Central/Croton-Harmon and Croton-Harmon/Poughkeepsie – and will require customers to transfer at Croton-Harmon.

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