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Timber Replacement Continues on the Moodna Viaduct

In 2019, Metro-North crews will be replacing 420 ties on the 3,200-foot-long, 193-foot tall Moodna Viaduct by year's end.



The 110-year-old steel viaduct spans the Moodna Valley between Schunemunk Mountain and

Woodcock Hill in Salisbury Mills, N.Y., on our Port Jervis Line.



This work continues the replacements completed in the fall of 2018, when a total of 80 timber ties were replaced.

Replacing ties on the viaduct — which is the longest and tallest trestle east of the Mississippi, whose open design helps

resist wind effects — helps improve the safety and life expectancy of the viaduct. At the same time, we will be making minor repairs to the steel structure of the bridge.

And, it's all part of a 1,000-timber replacement goal,

which we expect to complete in 2020 with another 1,500 timber replacements planned for 2021 (for a total of 2,500).

This work is an example of how we are continuing to upgrade our infrastructure, a priority outlined in [Metro-North's Way Ahead strategic plan](#).

To accommodate these upgrades,

there will be approximately 12 weekend outages this summer, with additional off-peak, week-day outages from September through December. Substitute busing will be provided during both outage periods.

Thank you for your patience while we complete these important upgrades.



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Nanuet Mini-High and Station Enhancements, With More to Come in 2020

In May, we completed the renovation of the Nanuet mini-high platform, in addition to a number of small aesthetic and maintenance upgrades to the station.

The ADA Accessible platform is now open,

and the new platform is renovated, easier to use with a slip-free material — and it's easier on the eyes too!

The low-level platform canopy and shelter is being repainted and should be completed by summer. And we are replacing the old lighting fixtures with new, energy saving LEDs.



When all of that is complete, new bird netting will be installed.

In the first quarter of 2020,

we will begin construction of a new shelter at Nanuet Station, which will be fully enclosed and transparent, and designed in accordance with Metro-North's newest Station Guidelines and Architectural Standards.

It will include 'push to heat' for the winter and fresh air movement, will be ADA compliant, include lighting and speakers for customer communication, and provide leaning bars for customers.

The project is expected to take one year from the start date in approximately March of 2020.

It's one of the priorities of our [Way Ahead strategic plan](#), to provide our customers with renewed infrastructure, and improved accessibility.

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Combatting that Old Time Rock N' Roll

With winter now clearly in the rearview mirror, Metro-North Railroad's rock slope remediation efforts along our West-of-Hudson territory are ramping up for a 2019 blitz to further safeguard our rails.

Metro-North's work will greatly improve the safety of our ridership and infrastructure

by ensuring that we have the proper protections in place to prevent rock falls onto our tracks.

It's all part of Metro-North's Way Ahead strategic plan,

to provide our customers with improved safety through regular maintenance of our right-of-way.



So, what is rock slope remediation — and why do we need it? Let's explain:

Rock slope remediation is the process of removing trees and debris from unstable rock faces near our tracks to keep our customers, infrastructure and equipment safe.

Oftentimes, crews will scale back loose rock and install rock bolts, cable-mesh systems, rock fences and concrete buttresses to stabilize certain high-risk areas so trains can pass

through safely toward their destination.

Before frigid temperatures quelled our efforts, we successfully remediated sections of our Port Jervis Line including the vicinity of Salisbury Mills-Cornwall Station, Middletown Station and Port Jervis Station.

Now that the warmer temperatures have returned, our focus centers on remediating a section of unstable rock in the vicinity of Otisville Station, where excessive ice and cold halted progress in 2018.



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Four Bridge Deck Replacements Completed

Late last year, Metro-North completed bridge deck replacement on four bridge decks on the Port Jervis Line.



Deck replacements prolong the useful lives of the bridges

that our trains must cross over, and also provide a better ride for you, our customers.

Two decks —consisting of two tracks — were replaced during off-peak, daytime outages in the area of Pond Brook, between old Route 17 and the Pond Brook Industrial Bridge.



[Decks were also replaced at](#)

Pine Hill Road, and at an old cattle crossing bridge just north of Tuxedo during two weekend outages.

Both replacements required that we raise the bridges by 12 inches — a lot for railroad tracks made of steel — and then putting new bearing plates down.

These enhancements prolong the use of the decks, and make for a smoother train



ride for our customers



It's all to provide you, our customer with a smoother, better and safer ride!

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Take the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry to the Train: Get Your Bliss on the Hudson and Save \$\$\$

Want to enjoy your commute every day? You can do that while avoiding the hassle of traffic and delays across the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge to reach your Metro-North train.

Imagine starting your commute on the splendiferous Hudson,

a daily experience better than a yoga meditation, and infinitely less stressful than navigating morning traffic!

What's more, the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry offers **free parking** at Newburgh, saving you the bridge toll and parking costs in Beacon.

Although there is a range of savings depending on your travel habits, here is one example of what you can save:

If you normally cross the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge using EZPass, and park with a yearly pass at the Beacon lot, you will be spending about **\$387.00 for the yearly parking** and \$1.25 a day for crossing the bridge, or \$317.50 a year (using 254 work days a year), for a total of \$704.50, which does not include wear and tear on your car or the cost of gasoline.



If you take the ferry, you can buy a **monthly Uniticket**, which will cost you an additional \$14 a month to ride the ferry. For 12 months, that amounts to \$168. So, the difference is \$536.50 in SAVINGS by taking the ferry.

See what YOU can save!

And here's the bonus!

You get to relax and enjoy the beautiful trip, with views up and down the majestic

Hudson River, and the glorious feeling of not being stuck in traffic!

The Front Street parking lot in Newburgh is easy to access, and FREE!

For details and to realize full savings, check out our UniTicket Fares.

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Go Mobile with Hudson Link

But did you also know you can access the schedules directly through the convenient **Go Mobile app**?

In addition to the Metro-North stations, travel is also available between the Palisades Center and Suffern.

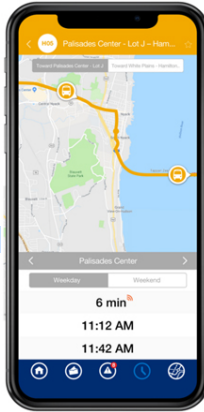
Happy travels to you!

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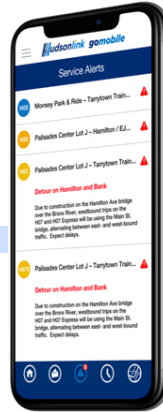


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Safety Rule of the Issue

Railroad Street Level Crossing

Emergency Notification System

Each Metro-North railroad crossing bears an emergency notification sign, like the one shown here.

If you are near the tracks, and need to report an emergency,

please **immediately call the phone number posted on the sign**, and reference the crossing number on the sign to the emergency responder.



- **Call the number** and give the DOT (Department of Transportation) **crossing number** found on the sign to identify your location.
- The sign may be located on the **crossbuck post** or **signal post**.
- If you cannot locate the ENS sign, **call 911** or **the local police**.

We bring you these rules because your safety is always our first priority all year long!

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Courtesy Corner

Summer is Here and It's Picnic Time!

We know how much fun it is to take a picnic with you on the train.

After all, nothing is as good as a sandwich, some delicious ice tea, and a couple of great cookies! (Or any other good noshes you might pick up before boarding the train.)



In truth, few things in life beat that three-part combo of good food, good conversation, and good views from the train windows, right?

But if you do bring some of these delicacies on board, we ask you please not to leave any of your "remains" behind when you get off at your stop, so the next customer can have a clean seat.

It's the courteous thing to do!

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