

Memorandum



Date: July 21, 2016
To: Metro-North Committee
From: Joe Giulietti 
Re: August 1, 2016 Schedule Change – East of Hudson

For your information, minor schedule adjustments will be made on Metro-North's Hudson and Harlem lines effective Monday, August 1, 2016. Highlights of the changes include:

Hudson Line:

- Schedule changes to accommodate the progress of the Sandy Resiliency Project between Tarrytown and Croton-Harmon. The phase of the work will require substitute bus service at Philipse Manor and Scarborough during AM Reverse Peak and PM Reverse Peak periods.

Harlem Line:

- Minor schedule adjustment in the AM Peak to improve reliability and on time performance.

Hudson Line Changes

The next phase of the Sandy Resiliency Project requires changes to service between Philipse Manor and Ossining. Because of reduced track capacity in this zone, AM Reverse Peak and PM Reverse Peak trains must operate on an express track, resulting in the inability for these trains to stop at Philipse Manor and Scarborough stations.

- In the AM Reverse Peak, substitute bus service will be provided at these stations for the 5:36 AM, 6:20 AM, 6:50 AM, 7:23 AM, 7:45 AM, and 8:15 AM trains from Grand Central Terminal. Up to 37 customers traveling to these stations will connect to dedicated substitute bus service at Tarrytown, resulting in an additional 13 minutes travel time to Philipse Manor and 19 minutes travel time to Scarborough.
- In the PM Reverse Peak, substitute bus service will be provided at these stations for the 4:06 PM, 4:32 PM, 5:06 PM, 5:38 PM, 6:09 PM, 7:06 PM and 8:06 PM departures from Scarborough, and the 4:10 PM, 4:36 PM, 5:10 PM, 5:42 PM, 6:13 PM, 7:10 PM and 8:10 PM departures from Philipse Manor. Up to 43 customers from Scarborough and Philipse Manor will board substitute buses to Tarrytown, with an additional 24 minutes travel time from Scarborough, or 18 minutes from Philipse Manor.

- The cost of the alternative bus service is estimated at \$240,000 annually and will be funded from the Sandy project budget.

Harlem Line Changes

As we monitored operations following the April 2016 schedule change, we noted that the 6:45 AM train from Southeast to Grand Central Terminal was consistently delayed (or causing delays to other trains) due to congestion in the Southeast area. To alleviate this congestion and deliver a schedule that customers can depend upon, we will adjust this train's schedule three minutes earlier, to depart Southeast at 6:42 AM. After Goldens Bridge, the train will follow its current schedule, with no change to the arrival time at Grand Central Terminal.

New Haven Line

There are no service changes on the New Haven Line.

Next Schedule Change

The next East of Hudson schedule change will be effective Sunday, October 2, 2016.

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