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Shore Line East & New Haven Lines to Operate Limited Holiday Schedules

Monday, July 3, 2006 – Independence Day Holiday Schedule on Shore Line East
Friday, June 30 – Tuesday July 4, 2006 – Independence Holiday Schedule on New Haven Line

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) today announced that Shore Line East (SLE) and New Haven Line (NHL) rail services will operate on special holiday schedules over the Independence Holiday Weekend (June 30-July 4th). On Friday, June 30, the regular Friday schedule will be operating for SLE. On Monday, July 3, SLE will operate a reduced schedule. Note that several morning and evening trains have been eliminated for Monday, July 3, ONLY. SLE will NOT operate on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. The special operation schedule is listed below. The regular weekday schedule will resume on Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

SHORE LINE EAST

SLE OLD SAYBROOK TO NEW HAVEN	Westbound	Train #	6609	6613	6617	6621	6679		
	Stations		AM	AM	AM	AM		PM	
	Old Saybrook		600	700	755	900	412		
	Westbrook		605	705	800	905	↓		
	Clinton		610	710	805	910			
	Madison		615	715	810	915			
	Guilford		621	721	816	921			
	Branford		629	729	824	929			
	State Street Station		642	742	837	942			
	New Haven, Union Station		645	745	840	945			
								447	
								6549	
								PM	
CONNECTING NHL TRAINS	Westbound	Train #	6509	6513	6517	6521	6549		
	Stations		AM	AM	AM	AM		PM	
		New Haven, Union Station		655	757	857		957	453
		Milford		706	808	908		1008	504
		Stratford		711	813	913		1013	509
		Bridgeport		717	819	919		1019	515
		South Norwalk		741	841	939		1041	539
		Stamford		757	854	954		1054	554
		Greenwich		c	c	c		c	c
		Grand Central Terminal		842	940	1040		1140	640

CONNECTING NHL TRAINS	Eastbound	Train #	6530	6534	6538	6542	6546	
	Stations		PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	
	Grand Central Terminal		107	207	307	407	507	
	Greenwich		c	c	c	c	c	
	Stamford		151	251	351	451	551	
	South Norwalk		206	304	406	506	606	
	Bridgeport		227	327	427	531	631	
	Stratford		232	332	432	536	636	
	Milford		238	338	438	542	642	
	New Haven, Union Station		252	352	452	556	656	
SLE NEW HAVEN TO OLD SAYBROOK	Eastbound	Train #	6630	6634	6638	6642	6646	
	Stations		PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	
		New Haven, Union Station		315	427	502	602	702
		State Street Station		317	429	504	604	704
		Branford		328	440	515	615	715
		Guilford		336	448	523	623	723
		Madison		342	454	529	629	729
		Clinton		347	459	534	634	734
		Westbrook		352	504	539	639	739
		Old Saybrook		400	517	547	647	747

Please note this timetable is only valid for Monday, July 3, 2006.

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“The state is pleased to offer special train service for Shore Line East rail service this coming holiday. We have seen increased ridership on our Connecticut Commuter Rail service, especially Shore Line East service, over the past several months. This schedule will allow for those who wish to travel to New Haven, Bridgeport, Stamford or New York City for work or pleasure to reach their destinations with minimal impact,” said Commissioner Stephen E. Korta, II.

Shore Line East trains are owned and operated by ConnDOT and are operated under a service agreement with Amtrak to provide daily rail operations. Shore Line East carries over 1,700 riders each weekday. This past month of May, SLE provided an average over 1,800 riders per day with service from Monday through Friday. SLE does not operate on Saturday, Sunday or major holidays. Through service in the morning and evening rush hour is provided between SLE stations and Bridgeport and Stamford. Customers can also connect at New Haven to Metro-North for service to other New Haven Line stations and to New York City. Reduced combined Shore Line East/Metro-North monthly commuter UniRail tickets and combined bus and rail UniTickets are available.

Shore Line East riders are encouraged to sign up for e-mail service notifications at www.shorelineeast.com.

NEW HAVEN LINE

The New Haven Line will observe a special holiday service from Friday, June 30 – Tuesday, July 4, 2006. Metro-North Railroad will operate a special holiday schedule for Independence Day (July 4) holiday weekend. Be sure to check a current timetable for details.

- On Friday, June 30, there will be additional outbound “getaway” trains between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Check your schedule for special train times.
- On Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2, will operate on regular Saturday and Sunday schedules.
- On Monday, July 3, a **SATURDAY** schedule will be in effect with additional trains in the morning and evening peak periods.
- On Tuesday, July 4, a **SUNDAY** schedule with extra trains to and from the Macy’s Fireworks will be in effect.

Off peak fares are in effect from July 1- July 4th. To avoid long ticket lines, purchase your round trip tickets in advance at any ticket office, from any ticket machine, or online through WebTicket. (www.mta.info)

Metro-North Railroad operates the New Haven Line and Branch Line Service for ConnDOT. The New Haven Line is one of the busiest commuter lines in North America, carrying over 115,000 daily commuters. Out of the 115,000 daily total commuters on the New Haven Line, approximately 80,000 are starting or completing their trip in Connecticut.

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