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SEPTA Announces New Regional Rail Schedules

Effective Sunday, Dec. 15; Designed to Improve On-Time Performance & Reliability

PHILADELPHIA (Dec. 11, 2019)– SEPTA is adjusting its Regional Rail schedules to improve on-time performance and service reliability for riders. These updates will impact the Airport, Chestnut Hill East, Chestnut Hill West, Fox Chase, Glenside Combined, Lansdale/Doylestown, Manayunk/Norristown, Media/Elwyn, Paoli/Thorndale, Trenton, Warminster, West Trenton, and Wilmington/Newark Lines.

For most lines, select trains will depart stations earlier or later than previously scheduled. New timetables reflecting these changes will go into effect on Sunday, Dec. 15.

There will be midday schedule adjustments on the Manayunk/Norristown, Media/Elwyn, and Wilmington/Newark Lines to allow for overhead wire work on the Manayunk/Norristown Line between the Manayunk and Allegheny stations, as well as track repairs on the Media/Elwyn Line between the Secane and Elwyn stations.

Select peak period trains on the Paoli/Thorndale Line will be modified to reflect ongoing operating conditions as Amtrak continues its tie and rail replacement project between the Malvern and Thorndale stations.

Along the Trenton Line, Amtrak has completed track work between the North Philadelphia and Holmesburg Junction stations. Train schedules will be restored to pre-construction service timetables.

Updates to the West Trenton Line schedules started in September, related to I-95 reconstruction. Timetables will be readjusted to improve running times.

SEPTA has been working in close partnership with PennDOT and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to provide travel alternatives for I-95 commuters. SEPTA leased five rail coach cars from the Maryland Area Regional Commuter Rail (MARC) system to help with these service enhancements. Overall, for both the morning and evening commutes, SEPTA added nearly 1,900 seats for customers on the Trenton and West Trenton Lines. SEPTA is collecting ridership data to determine if the leased rail coach cars are mitigating traffic congestion on I-95. The analysis is expected to be completed in January 2020.

Customers are urged to check schedules for their lines at septa.org/schedules/upcoming-rail.html, or look for the schedule change alert on the official SEPTA app.

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