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Shore Line East Rail Service Adjusts Schedule As Amtrak Tie Replacement Project Enters Final Phase

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) is announcing that beginning on Monday, November 23, 2009, Shore Line East train schedules will be modified to accommodate an Amtrak construction project. Amtrak is beginning the next phase of a major railroad tie replacement project on their Northeast Corridor. The project extends between New Haven and Old Saybrook and affects both Shore Line East and Amtrak customers.

The upcoming construction segment will occur between Mill River in New Haven and Branford and will last for approximately eight weeks. Alternative bus service, which has been in place for some trains since July, will no longer be needed. Passengers will be able to remain on Shore Line East trains through the construction limits, but many trains have small schedule adjustments to accommodate track switching.

"We continue to work with Amtrak to minimize any inconvenience to our Shore Line customers," said ConnDOT Rail Administrator Eugene Colonese. "This tie replacement project will benefit Connecticut commuters in the long run. However, as a result of Amtrak's project, there will be some service and schedule changes, especially in regards to evening connections with the New Haven Line trains at Union Station."

In addition to the planned service modifications due to the Amtrak tie replacement project, on Wednesday, November 25th there will be a special "get away" train departing New Haven Union Station at 2:10 p.m. Additional special holiday service is also planned on Friday, November 27th. Shore Line East operates train service every day, including weekends and holidays. Details are available in the current printed schedule and online.

Shore Line East customers are urged to check the service website at www.ShoreLineEast.com for the latest information. These changes will begin on November 23, 2009 and will last the duration of this phase of the project.

For more information, visit www.ShoreLineEast.com or call 1-800-ALL RIDE (1-800-255-7433).

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