

Expanded Saturday-Style Service Planned for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

(Jan. 4) Instead of the usual weekday service it has offered on Martin Luther King Jr. Day in past years, this Jan. 15 the MTA will operate an expanded Saturday-style Metro Bus and Metro Rail service.

On most official holidays that fall on a weekday, the MTA runs reduced service - either a Saturday- or Sunday-style schedule. On previous Martin Luther King Jr. Days, however, full weekday service has been in effect.

By operating an expanded holiday schedule this year, Transit Operations expects to better match the amount of service with actual ridership demand while saving some 6,000 service hours. The money saved can be used elsewhere in the system.

Before deciding to operate Saturday-style service on Jan. 15, the Scheduling Department assessed every line in the system. As a result, extra service will be offered on 45 lines and special schedules will be in effect on 13 lines. Twelve other lines that normally would not operate on a Saturday will be in regular weekday service for the holiday.

In the temporary schedule change letters issued to operators, Scheduling is asking operators to provide feedback on the numbers of patrons who board their buses during the holiday. The information will be used to measure the adequacy of the holiday schedules.

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