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PORT AUTHORITY, NY WATERWAY OUTLINE EXPANDED, CROSS-HONORED FERRY AND BUS SERVICE DURING UPCOMING HOBOKEN PATH STATION CLOSURE IN EARLY 2025

Ferry Service to be Expanded During Peak Hours, Additional Weekend Route Added During Planned Hoboken PATH Station Closure

Additional Crosstown Manhattan Bus Service to be Offered from Midtown/West 39th Street Terminal

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and NY Waterway today outlined the expansion of ferry and bus service to provide alternate mass transit service during the planned closure of the PATH Hoboken station from Jan. 30 to Feb. 25, 2025. NY Waterway, which operates the largest ferry fleet between New Jersey and New York, will provide expanded, cross-honored service -- including additional peak service between Hoboken and Manhattan, extra crosstown bus service, extended operating hours at Hoboken terminals and an added weekend route -- during the planned closure.

As <u>announced on Oct. 31</u>, the PATH Hoboken station will close from late evening Jan. 30 to early morning Feb. 25 to accommodate essential work on station and track infrastructure. The Port Authority has worked with its regional transit partners to offer robust travel alternatives, including shuttle buses and light rail to PATH's Newport and Exchange Place stations, supplemental bus service to enhance NJ TRANSIT's 126 line to the Midtown Bus Terminal, and additional NY Waterway ferry service to Midtown and Lower Manhattan.

"We're grateful for the unwavering partnership shown by NY Waterway and all of our transit partners as we help PATH customers navigate this closure of the PATH Hoboken station," said **Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole.** "We hope the expanded and cross-honored ferry service, combined with other bus and train alternatives, will ease the burden of this closure on riders as we complete critically needed work in and around Hoboken station to improve PATH service."

"We understand the challenge this closure poses for PATH riders, and we deeply appreciate our longtime transit partners across the region doing their part to offer passengers alternative travel options," said **Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton.** "As we have done throughout the planning process for this closure, we are committed to robust outreach and communication with PATH riders, with the goal of ultimately bringing riders a more convenient and reliable PATH experience."

"We are pleased to be partnering with PATH to provide enhanced ferry service across the Hudson River during this February period," said **NY Waterway President and CEO Armand Pohan**. "Our shared goal is to make sure that commuters continue to have easy access to reliable service while this critical infrastructure work is taking place."

NY Waterway will provide the following enhanced, cross-honored service:

- Additional peak period ferry service departing every 10 minutes from both Hoboken ferry terminals: the PATH/NJ TRANSIT station terminal and the 14th Street terminal, with service to Manhattan's Brookfield Place/Battery Park City terminal and Midtown/West 39th Street terminal.
- Expanded NY Waterway crosstown bus service from Midtown/West 39th Street terminal.
- Extended ferry operating hours between Hoboken and Midtown/West 39th
 Street until 10 p.m. weekdays and 12 a.m. weekends from both Hoboken terminals.
- Additional weekend ferry route, offering service to Midtown/West 39th Street from both Hoboken terminals.

The agreement with NY Waterway to cross-honor PATH customers ensures that the cost to ride ferries during the closure will be no more than the price of a PATH fare. Travelers can visit PATH's <u>Hoboken station closure website</u> and the <u>NY Waterway website</u> for further information.

During the Hoboken station closure, the Port Authority will carry out critical safety repairs and improvements across several elements of the 116-year-old system, including replacing the track switching network outside the station, repairing 4,500 linear feet of track leading to the station, and refurbishing the station's platform and stairways.

The closure is the next phase of the Port Authority's two-year, \$430 million <u>PATH</u> <u>Forward</u> program, delivering more reliable service, upgraded stations and rehabilitated

train cars. The program encompasses a series of projects including comprehensive track repair and replacement, modernization of bridges, railcars and other critical infrastructure, and rehabilitation of four major stations: Hoboken, Grove St., Newport, and Exchange Pl.

About NY Waterway

Founded by Arthur Imperatore Sr. in 1986, NY Waterway operates the nation's largest privately owned commuter ferry service. Prior to the pandemic, NY Waterway carried more than 32,000 passengers each weekday on 23 routes across the Hudson River, bringing New Jersey commuters to Manhattan and back. In cooperation with MTA Metro North Railroad, ferries bring commuters from the west side of the Hudson River in Newburgh and Haverstraw to the Hudson Line stations in Beacon and Ossining. Service information is available via phone at 1-800-53-FERRY (7-11 a.m. Monday to Friday) or online at: nywaterway.com, facebook.com/nywaterway or twitter.com/ridetheferry.

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