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# Metra to adjust UP North Line schedule

*Major bridge replacement will affect evening and weekend trains*

CHICAGO (Feb. XX, 2018) – Metra will implement a new schedule for evening and weekend trains on the Union Pacific North Line beginning March 19 in order to complete a multiyear bridge replacement project.

The schedule change will allow for trains to operate on a single track between the Clybourn Station and Evanston during the completion of a \$15.5 million project to replace the bridges that carry the UP North Line over Webster Avenue and the North Branch of the Chicago River just north of Webster (known as the Deering Bridge). These schedule changes do not affect weekday trains during the morning and evening rush.

“This project is a major investment in the infrastructure of the UP North Line that riders will benefit from for many years to come,” said Metra CEO/Executive Director Jim Derwinski. “Changing the schedule slightly will allow us to maintain safe, reliable service with minimal impact to our customers.”

Customers should be aware that as of Monday, March 19, weekday inbound Train 362 will depart from Waukegan 10 minutes earlier, at 9:10 p.m., while Train 364 will depart from Waukegan 25 minutes later, at 10:05 p.m.; and Train 368 will depart from Kenosha 10 minutes later, at 11:45 p.m. Inbound weekday trains arriving at Ogilvie Transportation Center after 8 p.m. will have five minutes added to their run times.

Outbound Train 301 will be renumbered to Train 371 on the weekdays and will depart from Ogilvie eight minutes earlier, at 12:27 a.m. Train 369 will depart from Ogilvie 10 minutes later, at 11:45 p.m., and trains departing from Ogilvie after 7:30 p.m. will have five minutes added to their run times.

On weekends, inbound Train 822 will depart from Waukegan 30 minutes later, at 5:40 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Outbound Train 821 will depart from Ogilvie five minutes later, at 5:15 p.m., on Saturday only.

The new schedule, which will be in effect for the duration of construction, is available at [metrarail.com](http://metrarail.com). Physical copies will be available at Ogilvie one week before the schedule goes into effect.

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