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Metra to begin weekday outbound express train to 80th Avenue station beginning Nov. 30

Thanks to an effort spearheaded by Mayor David G. Seaman, Metra will begin scheduling a weekday outbound express train to the Tinley Park 80th Avenue train station effective Monday, Nov. 30.

Train No. 413, which now departs at 4:57 p.m. and stops at all stations south of Blue Island except Joliet, will still depart at 4:57 p.m. but will now stop at 35th Street, express to Tinley Park/80th Avenue, where it will arrive at 5:30 p.m., and then make all remaining stops with the addition of Joliet. This change, which will cut nearly 15 minutes from the existing ride, should relieve overcrowding issues on No. 415, which departs LaSalle Street at 5:15 p.m., expresses to Midlothian and makes all remaining stops to Joliet, Metra officials said.

Customers who now take train No. 413 to stations before 80th Avenue will be able to take No. 303, which will now depart at 5 p.m. and serve all mainline stations to Tinley Park/Oak Park Avenue. Customers who now take No. 303 can take No. 617 or No. 419.

In addition, Metra's experiment with weekend express trains on the Rock Island Line also will be made permanent Nov. 30.

Last June, six express trains were added to the Rock Island schedule in each direction on Saturdays and Sundays. The express trains bypass the Beverly Branch, which is served by separate trains, prompting a 20-minute reduction in travel time between suburban stations and downtown Chicago. About 870 additional customers per Saturday and about 300 per Sunday were estimated to have taken advantage of this new express service, Metra officials said.

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“I’m extremely excited at these new additions to the Metra schedule,” Seaman said. “Weekday commuters will now be able to get from Chicago to Tinley Park in just 33 minutes, and hundreds of weekend travelers looking to get to the city more quickly will have a wide array of options to do so.”

The weekend express service was set to end Nov. 29, but is now being made part of the permanent weekend schedule. However, the departure and arrival times are being slightly adjusted. Inbound express trains will leave Joliet five minutes earlier, and outbound express trains will leave LaSalle Street 10 minutes later. In addition, the outbound express time to Joliet will be reduced by five minutes.

“We received very positive feedback from customers who liked the new weekend express trains on the Rock Island and wanted us to continue operating them,” Metra Executive Director/CEO Don Orseno said. “Moving forward, we plan to review adjustments to our other train schedules to see where new or expanded express service might make sense.”

Also starting Nov. 30, Metra is making schedule changes to a handful of other trains to reflect actual operating conditions, improve connections and enhance operational efficiency. Metra customers are strongly urged to check the new schedule to determine if there are changes to their trains.

For more information, visit <https://metrarail.com> or <https://metrarail.com/content/dam/metra/documents/Transportation/RID%20changes.pdf>.

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