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Metra kicks off July 4th holiday with early getaway trains

CHICAGO (June 27, 2018) – Metra will offer early getaway service on Tuesday, July 3 on most lines to help customers get a jump start on their Fourth of July celebrations.

Most Metra lines will add and shift train departures to better accommodate the rush of passengers who typically leave work early before a holiday. More detailed information about added service and schedule changes can be found at metrarail.com.

“We want to help our customers have a great holiday, and we know for many that means leaving work early to be with family and friends,” said Metra CEO/Executive Director Jim Derwinski.

Metra will operate a Sunday/holiday schedule on Wednesday, July 4, meaning the Heritage Corridor, North Central Service and SouthWest Service lines will not operate. On Wednesday night, July 4, the UP North Line will hold inbound Train 826 until 10:25 p.m., 15 minutes later than scheduled, to accommodate passengers attending the Naval Station Great Lakes 4th of July Celebration.

To make holiday travel even more affordable, Metra is offering a special \$10 holiday pass good for unlimited travel on July 4. The pass can be purchased with cash on the train or via the Ventra App, which can be downloaded through the App Store or Google Play. As always, Metra’s \$10 Weekend Pass offers unlimited rides on Saturday and Sunday. And, throughout the summer, up to three kids 11 and under can ride free with each adult.

Metra’s rideshare partner, Uber, offers another option to take you between the train station and your destination. If you’re new to Uber, download the app, request a ride and a driver will arrive in minutes. Enter promo code METRA2018 for your first ride free up to \$15. This offer is not valid on uberCAB.

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About Metra

Metra is one of the largest and most complex commuter rail systems in North America, serving Cook, DuPage, Will, Lake, Kane and McHenry counties in northeastern Illinois. The agency provides service to and from downtown Chicago with 242 stations over 11 routes totaling nearly 500 route miles and approximately 1,200 miles of track. Metra operates nearly 700 trains and provides nearly 290,000 passenger trips each weekday.

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