

# Staff Summary



<b>Subject</b> MAY TIMETABLE CHANGE & TRACKWORK PROGRAMS						<b>Date</b> April 11, 2023			
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**PURPOSE:**

This is to inform the Long Island Committee of the MTA Long Island Rail Road’s plan to adjust schedules beginning May 22, 2023, through September 5, 2023.

Projects supported during this timetable include Third Rail State of Good Repair work on the Montauk Branch between Amityville and Babylon, Signal Hut Installation on Montauk Branch between Babylon and Sayville, and Rail Replacement and Maintenance on the Atlantic Branch between Atlantic Terminal and East New York. Continuing projects include East Side Access, Main Line Expansion, West Side Yard Overbuild, and Mid-Suffolk Yard Construction.

Additionally, Special Programs will support maintenance and rail replacement on the Long Beach and Far Rockaway Branches and waterproofing the Cherry Valley Bridge on the Hempstead Branch.

**MAY 22 TIMETABLE CHANGE**

*Construction Activities*

- **Montauk Branch, Amityville to Babylon – Third Rail State of Good Repair Work** – One of two main tracks will be out of service on midday/weekdays between Amityville and Babylon as third rail state of good repair work and maintenance is performed.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service on weekday, middays, eastbound and westbound Babylon Branch trains will be adjusted approximately 20 minutes earlier. Additionally, some Babylon Branch trains will terminate/originate at Massapequa. Transfer opportunities will be available at Massapequa for customers travelling to stations Massapequa Park through Babylon.

- **Atlantic Branch, Atlantic Terminal to East New York – Rail Replacement** – One of two main tracks will be out of service on midday/weekdays between Atlantic Terminal and East New York to support the replacement of rail and maintenance.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service during the midday/weekday period on the Atlantic Branch, westbound Brooklyn trains will be adjusted up to 18 minutes earlier. Some eastbound Brooklyn trains will be adjusted up to 11 minutes later, while others will be adjusted up to 6 minutes earlier. Additionally, service to/from Nostrand Avenue and East New York will be reduced from 3 trains an hour to 2 trains an hour.
  
- **Montauk Branch, Babylon to Sayville – Signal Hut Installation** – One of two main tracks will be out of service during the overnight period between Babylon and Sayville to support the delivery and installation of signal huts on the Montauk Branch.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service during the overnight period, one eastbound and one westbound train will be adjusted approximately 20 minutes later.

## **TRACK WORK PROGRAMS**

*Construction Activities* (Short-term trackwork items requiring a special program)

- **Long Beach and Far Rockaway Branch – Rail Replacement and Maintenance** – On the weekends on April 29-30, May 6-7, and May 20-21, one of two main tracks on the Long Beach Branch and both main tracks on the Far Rockaway Branch will be out of will be out of service for a period of 48 hours while rail is replaced, and signal maintenance is performed.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service on the Long Beach Branch, and both main tracks out of service on the Far Rockaway Branch, bus service will replace train service between Valley Stream and Far Rockaway for a period of 48-hours.
  
- **Bridge Waterproofing – Hempstead Branch** – On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> both main tracks on the Hempstead Branch between Floral Park and Hempstead will be taken out of service for a period of approximately 24-hours while the Cherry Valley Bridge in Garden City is waterproofed.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With both main tracks out of service between Floral Park and Hempstead, bus service will replace train service in both directions for a period of approximately 24 hours.

## **IMPACT ON FUNDING**

Funding for these projects is contained in the Long Island Rail Road Operating and MTA Capital Program budget.