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MTA LIRR Hempstead Branch Train Service Affected By Queens Village Switch Replacement & Track Work This Weekend, August 18-19

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will replace a major switch along with track work in the Queens Village area this weekend, August 18-19, requiring Hempstead Branch customers to use buses instead of trains for at least part of their trips.

From 2 PM, Saturday, August 18 through 2 AM, Sunday, August 19, both eastbound and westbound Hempstead Branch customers at stations Hollis through Hempstead will take buses to complete their trips.

Eastbound: Customers will transfer from trains to buses at Jamaica ten minutes later than their normally scheduled trains to complete their trips. Customers should expect up to 35 minutes additional travel time.

Westbound: Customers will board buses at their stations and transfer to trains at Jamaica to complete their trips. Customers should expect up to 28 minutes additional travel time.

Hempstead Branch customers should pick up a copy of the special track work timetable at their stations or at all LIRR terminals. Customers can contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center 24-hours a day in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR, in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers can also consult the LIRR's web site at www.mta.info.