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### New MTA LIRR Timetables in Effect February 26; Include Construction and Track Work Programs Affecting Off-Peak and Weekend Train Service

New MTA Long Island Rail Road timetables will go into effect Monday, February 26. The new schedules will include service revisions necessary because of various track work and construction programs. The work will affect off-peak and weekend train service.

#### Construction Projects

**Oyster Bay Branch:** One track will be out of service as track ties are replaced between Mineola and Locust Valley. Five midday weekday westbound trains will operate up to seven minutes later. Two midday weekday eastbound trains will operate up to 16 minutes later. The 12:10 PM eastbound train from Jamaica to Oyster Bay and the 1:28 PM westbound train from Oyster Bay will be canceled.

**Hempstead Branch:** One track will be out of service between Bellerose and Garden City for track tie replacement and grade crossing renewal at New Hyde Park Road in Garden City. Eastbound and westbound midday weekday Hempstead Branch trains will have additional running time of two minutes. Eastbound midday weekday Hempstead Branch trains will operate three minutes earlier and westbound midday weekday Hempstead Branch trains will operate 23 minutes earlier.

From April 16 to April 27, a special busing program will be in effect between Hempstead and Garden City as track work is completed on the single track between these stations. Further details will be included in a future news release.

#### Babylon, Far Rockaway, Long Beach, Montauk Branches

Eastbound midday weekday trains on the Babylon, Montauk, Long Beach and Far Rockaway Branches will be adjusted up to two minutes earlier. Westbound midday weekday trains on the Babylon, Montauk, Long Beach and Far Rockaway Branches will be adjusted between 23 minutes and 36 minutes earlier. The revisions on these branches are being made in order to support work on the Hempstead Branch mentioned above.

**Main Line:** The single track between Ronkonkoma and Riverhead will be out of service for track tie replacement and grade crossing renewal. The 9:02 AM and 1:42 PM eastbound trains from Ronkonkoma and the 11:42 AM and 3:16 PM westbound trains from Greenport and Riverhead will be replaced with buses.

**Main Line Concrete Tie Replacement:** Two of the four tracks between Jamaica and the East River Tunnels will be out of service on weekends as a concrete track tie replacement program continues. Westbound trains will have up to three minutes added to their schedules. On certain weekends, westbound station platforms at Kew Gardens, Forest Hills and Woodside stations will not be accessible and customers for these stations will use buses instead. Further details of this program will be available in a future news release.

#### Track Work Programs

**Long Beach Branch:** Rail installation between Island Park and Long Beach means buses will replace trains between these two stations on two successive Saturdays. On March 3 and March 10, both eastbound and westbound customers will use buses to complete their trips between Long Beach and Island Park. Travel time will be increased by 16 minutes and westbound buses will depart 16 minutes earlier from Long Beach.

**Ronkonkoma Branch:** Train service between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma will be suspended on Saturday, March 31, as grade crossing renewal work is completed at Commack Road. Eastbound customers will transfer to buses at Hicksville for stations Pinelawn through Ronkonkoma. Westbound customers from Ronkonkoma through Pinelawn will board buses at their stations and transfer to trains at Hicksville to complete their trips. Travel time will be increased up to 42 minutes. Customers at Bethpage and Farmingdale will have normal train service in both directions.

**Central Branch:** The single track between Babylon and Bethpage will be out of service for one day, Saturday, March 24, as grade crossing renewal work is completed at Wellwood Avenue. Four trains that operate on the Central Branch will operate on the Montauk Branch that day. The 1:02 AM train from Jamaica to Montauk will not stop at Hicksville. Customers traveling from Hicksville to Montauk will be provided with a bus instead.

Customers should pick up a copy of the February 26 timetable at their stations or at all terminals. Customers can also contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County at 516-822-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 website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).