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### New MTA LIRR Timetables in Effect September 10, Includes Adjustments For Construction Projects on Most Branches

New MTA Long Island Rail Road timetables will be in effect beginning Monday, September 10, in order to accommodate various construction projects.

#### Babylon Branch Track Work:

**Weekdays:** One track will be out of service midday weekdays between Wantagh and Amityville because of construction work on the Seaford Station platform. Fifteen westbound Babylon Branch trains will depart between two minutes later to twelve minutes earlier. Six midday eastbound Babylon Branch trains will depart up to 14 minutes later. Overnight, 13 eastbound Babylon Branch trains will leave between eight minutes later and eleven minutes earlier. Seven westbound Babylon Branch trains will depart up to nine minutes later. Hempstead Branch and Far Rockaway Branch overnight trains that connect with Babylon Branch trains at Jamaica will also be adjusted.

**Weekends:** Weekend track tie replacement work between Amityville and Lindenhurst will result in one train per hour for stations Amityville, Copiague and Lindenhurst. This work is scheduled to continue for the next three years and will also lead to re-routing and altering the schedules of weekend Montauk Branch trains.

**Long Beach/ Far Rockaway/Hempstead Branches:** One track will be out of service midday weekdays between Valley Stream and Island Park because of grade crossing renewal work at Ocean Avenue in East Rockaway. Six midday eastbound Long Beach Branch trains will depart 35 minutes later. Six midday westbound Long Beach Branch trains will leave six minutes later. To allow half hourly service at Lynbrook provided by Long Beach and Babylon Branch trains, the Lynbrook stop on Babylon Branch trains is shifted up to 30 minutes earlier. Six midday eastbound Hempstead trains will depart 29 minutes earlier. Six midday eastbound Far Rockaway Branch trains will depart 29 minutes later.

#### St. Albans:

**Weekdays:** To accommodate midday weekday track work, the St. Albans stop on Babylon Branch trains is shifted 38 minutes later.

**Weekends:** Beginning early Saturday morning through early Monday morning on the weekends of September 22 - September 24 and September 29 - October 1, westbound St. Albans customers will be affected by work on one of the Jamaica Station platforms. From 7 AM, Saturday through 2 AM, Monday on both weekends, westbound train service from St. Albans will be temporarily suspended. Customers will board vans for connecting train service at Jamaica. Customers should anticipate up to 20 minutes additional travel time. Customers traveling westbound from stations Babylon through Rockville Centre to St. Albans will transfer to vans at Jamaica to complete their trips to St. Albans. Customers should anticipate up to 31 minutes additional travel time. Eastbound train service to and from St. Albans will not be affected.

**Port Jefferson Branch:** One track will be out of service midday weekdays between Syosset and Huntington due to construction of a drainage culvert near Syosset. Five midday eastbound Huntington trains will depart six minutes earlier and eight minutes later. Two midday westbound Huntington trains will leave six minutes earlier. Five midday eastbound Port Jefferson trains will depart between five minutes earlier and four minutes later. Four midday westbound Port Jefferson trains will leave between three minutes earlier and four minutes later.

**Atlantic Branch Viaduct Rehab Work:** The midday and overnight weekday and weekend single track outage between East New York and Flatbush Avenue continues along with rehabilitation work on the Atlantic Avenue Viaduct. There are adjustments in operating times for all eastbound and westbound Hempstead Branch and Far Rockaway Branch trains between Jamaica and Flatbush Avenue. Connection times for Huntington, Babylon and Ronkonkoma trains at Jamaica are also adjusted.

**Main Line Concrete Tie Replacement (west of Jamaica):** Concrete tie replacement work on the last of the four Main Line tracks west of Jamaica to the East River Tunnels will take place on weekends. All eastbound Main Line trains have two minutes additional operating time and some trains between 9 PM, Friday and 4 AM, Monday are adjusted between three minutes earlier and three minutes later.

**Port Washington Branch/East Side Access Work:** One track between Shea Stadium and Harold Interlocking (just east of the East River Tunnels) will be out of service on weekends to accommodate work being done for the East Side Access Project. All eastbound and westbound Port Washington Branch trains will depart six minutes later.

Customers should pick up a copy of the September 10-November 11, 2007 timetables at their stations or at all terminals. For additional information, customers may 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 may also consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).