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### MTA LIRR Commack Road Grade Crossing Work to be Performed March 31 Resulting in Road Closure and Substitute Bus Service

Grade crossing renewal work will take place at the MTA Long Island Rail Road's Commack Road crossing in Deer Park during a 24-hour period on Saturday, March 31. As a result Commack Road will be closed beginning 12:00 AM Saturday, March 31 through 12:00 AM Sunday April 1. Additionally, train service between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma will be suspended during this 24-hour period while the work is performed. 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 52 minutes. Customers at Bethpage and Farmingdale will have normal train service in both directions.

The following roadway detour routes will be established while Commack Road is closed for the crossing renewal work:

**Southbound traffic** will be detoured right on Long Island Avenue, left on Carl's Path, then left on Grand Boulevard, and right on to Commack Road.

**Northbound traffic** will be detoured left on Grand Boulevard, right on Carl's Path, then right on Long Island Avenue, and left on to Commack Road.

During the week of April 2, the highway approaches to the Commack Road crossing will be repaved (weather permitting) between 9 AM and 6 PM. One lane in each direction of travel will be open for highway traffic during this time.

MTA Police and LIRR personnel will be on hand at the Commack Road grade crossing intersection during the work and detour signs will be placed along alternate routes. Motorists should give themselves additional travel time.

Customers should pick up a copy of the special Ronkonkoma Branch timetable dated March 31 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).