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### MTA LIRR Hempstead Branch Train Service Affected By Queens Village Switch Replacement & Track Work Weekends of August 4-5, 11-12 & 18-19

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will replace a major switch along with track work in the Queens Village area during three weekends in August requiring Hempstead Branch customers to use buses instead of trains for at least part of their trips during the three weekends, August 4-5, August 11-12 and part of August 18-19.

#### August 4-5 & August 11-12

From 10:21 PM, Friday, August 3 through 2:15 AM, Monday, August 6, and again from 10:21 PM Friday, August 10 through 2:15 AM, Monday, August 13, 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.

#### August 18-19

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](http://www.mta.info).