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New MTA LIRR Timetables In Effect September 2

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE COMPLETION OF QUEENS INTERLOCKING PROJECT, ADDITIONAL SERVICE TO SOME STATIONS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK ON SEVERAL BRANCHES

New MTA Long Island Rail Road timetables go into effect Tuesday, September 2. The new schedules reflect the return of normal peak train schedules on the Main Line and Hempstead Branch following completion of the summer-long Queens Interlocking Renovation Project. In addition, service has been added at several stations in response to customer requests. New construction work will begin on several branches affecting mid-day service.

Additional Service

St. Albans: Additional westbound service at 7:37 AM and 8:50 AM during the morning peak and new eastbound service at 4:02 PM, 7:02 PM, 7:14 PM and 7:35 PM during the evening peak.

Kew Gardens and Forest Hills: The 5:25 PM train from Penn Station will stop at Forest Hills at 5:38 PM and at Kew Gardens at 5:40 PM.

Hempstead Branch: A new reverse peak train departs Penn Station at 6:47AM stopping at Jamaica, Queens Village, Bellerose, Floral Park, Stewart Manor, Nassau Blvd., Garden City and Hempstead (arriving at 7:33 AM).

Construction Work

Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch, Ronkonkoma Branch & Montauk Branch

Track tie installation work between Mineola and Hicksville will take one track out of service affecting some midday weekday trains. Eastbound Huntington trains will depart between 7 and 14 minutes later, westbound Huntington trains will depart 20 minutes later. Due to the track work, there will be two-hour service intervals east of Huntington midday with one less eastbound train and one less westbound train.

Eastbound Ronkonkoma Branch trains will depart 30 minutes later and westbound Ronkonkoma Branch trains will depart 30 minutes earlier. The 11:12 AM eastbound train to Montauk will depart 14 minutes earlier and the 11:14 AM westbound train from Montauk will depart 9 minutes earlier.

Port Washington Branch

Drainage and track work between Bayside and Great Neck will affect midday weekday service. Manhasset, Plandome and Port Washington service is reduced from two trains to one train per hour. From September 8 through September 19, service from Great Neck through Flushing-Main St. will be reduced from two trains to one train per hour as switch renewal work is completed at the Great Neck Interlocking.

Oyster Bay Branch

Grade crossing work at Glen Head Road and Elm Street in Glen Head will result in a single track in service between Mineola and Locust Valley. Due to the work, there will be two-hour service intervals midday with one less eastbound train and one less westbound train.

For further travel information customers can contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR and in New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022.

Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.