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Media Advisory: Track Work March 16 Through March 19

BUS SERVICE REPLACES LATE MORNING/MIDDAY MTA LIRR TRAINS BETWEEN RONKONKOMA AND GREENPORT FROM MARCH 16 TO MARCH 19 DUE TO GRADE CROSSING WORK AT RAYNOR AVENUE IN RIVERHEAD.

From March 16 through March 19 grade crossing work at Raynor Avenue in Riverhead will affect train service on the Ronkonkoma Branch. The MTA Long Island Rail Road will substitute bus service in place of trains between Ronkonkoma and Greenport throughout the late morning/midday (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM) from Monday, March 16 through Thursday, March 19.

The work, which includes the removal of wooden ties and the installation of new, longer lasting concrete ties and pads, will ensure both track and grade crossing remain in a state of good repair for the safe crossing of train and vehicular traffic. New asphalt will provide for a seamless transition between the crossing and roadway; a smoother ride for both customers and motorists.

Two eastbound and two westbound trains, normally scheduled to operate between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday, March 16 through Thursday, March 19, will be affected while work is performed. To minimize inconvenience to our customers, buses will be provided for passengers to complete their trips.

March 16-March 19

Eastbound Customers

Customers normally traveling on the 9:02 AM train from Ronkonkoma, due in Greenport at 10:27 AM and the 1:42 PM train from Ronkonkoma, due in Riverhead at 2:27 PM, will board a bus at Ronkonkoma for all stations east.

Westbound Customers

Customers normally traveling on the 11:42 AM train from Greenport, due in Ronkonkoma at 1:06 PM, will board a bus at stations Greenport through Medford. Customer normally traveling on the 3:19 PM train from Riverhead, due in Ronkonkoma at 4:04 PM, will board a bus at stations Riverhead through Medford. Both westbound buses will terminate at Ronkonkoma for connecting train service to western terminals.

During this grade crossing renewal work, customers should anticipate up to 15 minutes additional travel time.

For additional information, customers can contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR (5477), in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR (5477), or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR (5477). The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers can also visit the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.