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Media Advisory: National Grid Soil Remediation Work In Bay Shore Affects LIRR Montauk Branch Train Service This Weekend (October 17-18)

Temporary LIRR Track Relocation Necessary To Accommodate National Grid's Work

MTA Long Island Rail Road train service between Babylon and Speonk will be temporarily suspended during this weekend, October 17 and 18, as the first phase of soil remediation work is performed by National Grid in the area around and under the tracks west of the Bay Shore Station. Buses will replace trains for 48 hours during this weekend. The LIRR will renew the railroad grade crossing at North Windsor Avenue in Brightwaters, to the west, also this weekend.

Eastbound

Customers will board buses at Babylon for stations Bay Shore through Speonk and transfer to trains at Speonk to complete their trips.

Westbound

Customers for stations Montauk through Westhampton will board trains at their stations and transfer at Speonk for express bus service to Babylon where they will transfer to trains to complete their trips. Customers from stations Speonk through Bay Shore will board buses at their stations and transfer to trains at Babylon to complete their trips.

Customers should anticipate increased travel time of up to 39 minutes.

During this weekend, LIRR forces will temporarily relocate approximately 1,000 feet of each of the two main tracks along with LIRR communication cables and poles located west of the Bay Shore Station to an area about 60 feet north of their present location. When train service is restored early on October 19, trains will operate at a reduced speed through the area with anticipated minimal impact on overall travel times. The second phase of the work when the tracks, poles and cables will be restored to their original location, is expected to take place in April, 2010.

The National Grid work includes removal of soil contaminated by a former manufactured gas plant operation that had previously been located in the area. The funding for the track relocation and soil remediation work is covered by National Grid's project. The project scope has been approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.