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Media Advisory: Track Work To Affect MTA LIRR Ronkonkoma Branch Saturday, July 18

Buses Replace Trains East of Farmingdale. Busing Will Affect East of Farmingdale Ronkonkoma Branch Customers Attending Paul McCartney Concert At Citi Field

Train service on the MTA Long Island Rail Road's Ronkonkoma Branch will be affected by a track program this Saturday, July 18. Between 12:45 AM on Saturday, July 18 and 12:40 AM on Sunday, July 19 customers traveling east of Farmingdale will take buses for part of their trips. Local trains will operate normally between Ronkonkoma and Greenport.

Track work will be performed in the Wyandanch, Deer Park and Central Islip areas and the 18th Street grade crossing in Wyandanch will be renewed.

Eastbound

Customers for stations Pinelawn through Ronkonkoma will board buses at Hicksville to complete their trips. Customers should anticipate increased travel times of up to 23 minutes.

Westbound

Customers from stations Ronkonkoma through Pinelawn will board buses at their station then transfer to trains at Hicksville to complete their trips. Customers should expect increased travel time of up to 50 minutes.

Ronkonkoma Branch customers returning from Friday, July 17 Paul McCartney concert at Citi Field:

Note: The last train that will operate all the way to Ronkonkoma will be the 12:14 AM train from Penn Station, which will stop at Woodside Station at 12:26 AM. Ronkonkoma Branch Customers departing the concert must take the 12:06 AM westbound train from Mets-Willets Point Station, arriving Woodside Station at 12:12 AM to connect with the last train through to Ronkonkoma. Ronkonkoma Branch track work starting after the operation of this last train will result in bus service at Hicksville for customers traveling east of Farmingdale on Saturday, July 18.

Ronkonkoma Branch Customers attending Saturday, July 18 Paul McCartney concert at Citi Field:

Note: Since train service on the Ronkonkoma Branch east of Farmingdale will be replaced with buses throughout the day on Saturday, July 18, customers traveling to and from Woodside to connect with Port Washington Branch trains to Mets-Willets Point Station for the Saturday evening's Paul McCartney concert at Citi Field will need to allow up to 50 minutes added travel time.

As an alternative to the bus service, LIRR Ronkonkoma Branch customers east of Farmingdale may wish to drive to Farmingdale, Bethpage or Hicksville stations for train service; or use Babylon Branch service.

East of Ronkonkoma Service

Eastbound

Customers traveling to stations east of Ronkonkoma to Greenport will board express buses at Hicksville for stations Medford through Greenport. Customers should expect increased travel time of up to 30 minutes.

Westbound

Customers traveling from stations Greenport through Medford will board trains at their stations and transfer to local and express buses at Ronkonkoma then transfer to trains at Hicksville to complete their trips. Customers should expect increased travel time up to 50 minutes.

For travel information 24-hours a day, customers can contact the LIRR's 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 number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.