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### Media Advisory: New MTA LIRR Timetables In Effect March 8

#### *Port Washington Branch & Babylon Branch Track Work Impact Midday, Weekday Service*

New MTA Long Island Rail Road timetables go into effect starting this Monday, March 8. The new schedules include the extension from Patchogue to Speonk of a late afternoon train on the Montauk Branch because of customer requests. Track maintenance and construction programs will impact midday, weekday service on the Port Washington and Babylon Branches along with minor impacts on the Hempstead, Oyster Bay, Port Jefferson (to Huntington) and Ronkonkoma Branches. Bridge renewal programs on the Long Beach Branch will mean no train service between Valley Stream and Long Beach on two weekends in March and two weekends in May. Bus service will be provided.

#### Montauk Branch

In response to customer requests, the 5:10 PM train from Babylon to Patchogue will be extended from Patchogue and stops will be added at Mastic-Shirley at 5:52 PM and Speonk at 6:08 PM.

#### Port Washington Branch

On weekdays, one of two tracks between Woodside and Bayside will be temporarily out of service during midday hours for a track tie replacement program. To accommodate this work, five eastbound and six westbound trains will be cancelled, resulting in hourly midday service on the Port Washington Branch. In addition, two Port Washington Branch late night trains will depart 30 minutes later to accommodate bridge work in the Queens Blvd. area. (Note: This temporary midday service change on the Port Washington Branch necessitated by track work does not represent the reduction in service on the Branch that is currently proposed for September 2010 as part of the MTA's 2010 budget.)

#### Babylon Branch

On weekdays, one of two tracks between Wantagh and Babylon will be temporarily out of service during midday hours while state-of-good-repair track work is performed. To accommodate this work, seven eastbound trains will terminate at Freeport and five westbound trains will originate at Freeport, resulting in midday hourly train service at Seaford, Massapequa, Massapequa Park, Amityville, Copiague and Lindenhurst. Departure times will be adjusted from one minute earlier to 28 minutes later. Departure times for Patchogue and Speonk connecting times will also be adjusted, accordingly.

#### Hempstead, Oyster Bay, Port Jefferson (to Huntington), Ronkonkoma Branches

Midday weekday and overnight train schedules on these branches will be adjusted between three and eleven minutes to accommodate track work in the Queens Village area.

#### Long Beach Branch

Continuing replacement work on two rail bridges in the Oceanside area will mean no train service between Valley Stream and Long Beach for the weekends of March 20-21 and March 27-28 and again on May 1-2 and May 15-16. Buses will replace trains. Customers will experience increased travel time of up to 33 minutes. A detailed news release along with a special timetable will be issued in March.

Customers should pick up a copy of the March 8-May 16, 2010 timetable for their branches at stations and terminals in early March. Schedule information is also available from the LIRR's 24-hour 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 telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers may also consult the LIRR website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info)