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IMMEDIATE

GRADE CROSSING RENEWAL PROJECT TO AFFECT SOME MIDDAY PORT JEFFERSON BRANCH TRAINS WEEK OF AUGUST 2ND

BUS SERVICE FOR SOME CUSTOMERS, SCHEDULE REVISIONS IN EFFECT

A grade crossing renewal project in St. James will affect some midday train service on the MTA Long Island Rail Road's Port Jefferson Branch from Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6. During the work four eastbound and four westbound midday trains will depart and terminate from the Smithtown Station instead of the Port Jefferson Station. The affected trains are as follows:

Eastbound

Customers traveling to stations east of Smithtown on the 7:49 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:31 AM and 12:15 PM trains from Penn Station will transfer to buses at Smithtown for stations St. James, Stony Brook and Port Jefferson. Customers should expect up to 31 minutes additional travel time.

Westbound

Customers on the 10:10 AM, 11:37 AM, 1:10 PM and 2:37 PM trains from Port Jefferson will instead board buses at stations Port Jefferson, Stony Brook and St. James and transfer to trains at Smithtown to continue their trips. Customers should note that the westbound buses at Port Jefferson, Stony Brook and St. James stations will depart up to 32 minutes earlier than scheduled train times in order to meet trains at Smithtown Station.

The renovation work at the Mill Pond Road, St. James grade crossing will include replacement of the rubber pads with longer lasting concrete, a smoother surface for trains and motor vehicles.

Affected customers should pick up special Port Jefferson Branch August 2-August 6 schedules at their stations or at LIRR terminals. Customers can also contact the 24-hour LIRR 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 web site at www.mta.info.