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LIRR to Renew Atlantic Avenue Grade Crossing on Long Beach Branch

Road Closure and Traffic Detour in effect Weekends of Oct. 8 & 9 and Oct. 15 & 16

The MTA Long Island Rail Road is performing grade crossing renewal work on the Atlantic Avenue railroad grade crossing, on the LIRR's Long Beach Branch in Oceanside. The work will take place over two weekends – October 8 & 9 and October 15 & 16 – and will require the closure of the road and a detour route. On the first weekend the north track will be completed. The second (or south track) will be done on the following weekend.

The crossing renewal work includes replacing the rubber crossing pads with longer lasting and smoother concrete crossing materials as well as rebuilding the track bed and replacing the wood track ties with longer lasting concrete track ties in the crossing area.

The Atlantic Avenue crossing will be closed to highway traffic on the two work weekends from 9:00 PM Friday evening to 11:59 PM Sunday evening. During the roadway closures, the following detour routes will be in effect:

Eastbound:

Proceed East on Atlantic Avenue to Ocean Avenue; then north on Ocean Avenue to Pearl Street. Proceed east on Pearl Street to Rockaway Avenue; then south on Rockaway Avenue to Atlantic Avenue to resume eastbound travel on Atlantic Avenue.

Westbound:

Proceed west on Atlantic to Rockaway Avenue; then north on Rockaway Avenue to Pearl Street. Proceed west on Pearl Street to Ocean Avenue; then south on Ocean Avenue to Atlantic Avenue to resume westbound travel on Atlantic Avenue.

Upon completion of the crossing work on each of these two weekends, temporary paving material will be placed between the Long Island Rail Road crossing panels and the roadway. In the near future, the approaches to the crossing will be permanently repaved (weather permitting). The permanent repaving will not require the complete closure of the crossing since it affects only one single lane of traffic at a time, and roadway traffic will be maintained for both directions.