



MTA Press Releases

[Select Language](#) | ▼

Press Release

July 29, 2011

LIRR

IMMEDIATE

Main Line Track Work Will Mean Reduced Service on Saturdays and Sundays during Month of August

Huntington, Port Jefferson, Oyster Bay, Ronkonkoma, Far Rockaway

A track modernization project on the Long Island Rail Road's Main Line in Mineola over four consecutive weekends in August will result in some cancellations and service adjustments on the Huntington-Port Jefferson, Oyster Bay, Ronkonkoma, Far Rockaway and Babylon branches.

LIRR personnel will be installing new running rail, resurfacing and making repairs at the Willis Ave. grade crossing on Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7, Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21 and Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28. The work, when completed, will provide a smoother ride and more reliable service.

Since one of two Main Line tracks will be out of service during the project, the LIRR had revised weekend service on those branches to accommodate the track work.

Over the first two weekends, August 6-7 and August 13-14, the track work will get underway Saturday at 12:43 AM and continue until 10 AM on Sunday when regular service will resume. Over the third and fourth weekends, August 20-21 and August 27-28, the track work will get underway Saturday at 12:39 AM and continue until 10 AM on Sunday when regular service will resume.

On Saturdays, the work will affect approximately 24,000 customers traveling east and west of Jamaica. On Sundays, the work will affect about 1,200 customers eastbound and 1,700 customers westbound.

Branch by Branch Service Impact

Huntington Branch

Service on the Huntington Branch will be hourly instead of half-hourly and some trains will be adjusted earlier by three minutes.

Port Jefferson Branch

Port Jefferson Branch trains will run every two hours instead of every 90 minutes. Customers can also expect an increase in travel time of 2-3 minutes.

Oyster Bay Branch

Oyster Bay Branch trains have been adjusted to run every two hours.

Babylon Branch

Babylon Branch trains departing Penn Station on Saturdays at 7:40 AM, 8:40 AM, 9:40 AM and 11:40 AM can expect an increase in travel time of 8 minutes. Sunday trains departing Penn Station at 7:40 AM and 8:40 AM will also increased travel time of 8 minutes.

Ronkonkoma Branch

On Sundays, the 12:16 AM train to Ronkonkoma has been adjusted 14 minutes later. Also on Saturdays, customers on the 11:21 PM train from Ronkonkoma can expect an increase in travel time of up to 5 minutes.

Far Rockaway Branch

On Sundays, the 12:16 AM train from Penn Station, which normally connects to the Far Rockaway train at Jamaica is adjusted. Instead, Far Rockaway customers should board the 12:01 AM Babylon train at Penn Station and change at Jamaica for the Far Rockaway connection.

For more information

Customers can pick up a copy of the Special Timetable Weekend Track Work dedicated to each affected branch at terminals or local stations; or consult the [LIRR's website](#) at www.mta.info. Customers can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477. For the most up-to-date information on train service each weekend, sign up for LIRR E-alerts and text messages at www.mymtaalerts.com. Project and service information will also be available on the LIRR's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/mtalirr?ref=nf> and on twitter at <http://twitter.com/LIRRScoop>

