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Main Line Track Work Will Mean Reduced LIRR Service During Weekends of October 29-30 and November 5-6

On Those Days, Some Huntington, Port Jefferson, Oyster Bay, Ronkonkoma, Far Rockaway & Babylon Branch Train Schedules Will Be Affected

A track modernization project that the Long Island Rail Road was unable to complete in August because of Hurricane Irene is scheduled to resume this coming weekend, October 29-30, and continue on the following weekend, November 5-6. The work taking place on the Main Line 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 performing surfacing and railroad tie renewal, welding repairs and installing some new running rail between Queens Village and Carle Place on October 29-30 and between New Hyde Park and Hicksville on November 6-7. When finished, work 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 has revised weekend service on trains that travel the Main Line to accommodate the track work.

Over the coming two weekends, track work will get under on Saturday at 12:22 AM and continue until 10 AM on Sunday when regular weekend service will resume. Customers are reminded that Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 AM on Sunday, November 6 and clocks must be set back one hour.

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 both Saturdays at 12:38 AM, 7:40 AM, 8:40 AM, 9:40 AM and 11:40 AM will have increased travel time of 8 minutes. Sunday trains departing Penn Station at 12:38 AM, 7:40 AM and 8:40 AM will also have increased travel time of 8 minutes.

Ronkonkoma Branch

On Sundays, the 12:15 AM eastbound train to Ronkonkoma will be held at Jamaica an additional 2 minutes on Saturday and depart Penn Station 16 minutes later on Sunday. On Saturday only, the 11:21 PM westbound train from Ronkonkoma will have 5 additional minutes of travel time between Hicksville and Penn Station. On both Saturday and Sunday, the 5:10 AM from Ronkonkoma will leave 30 minutes later and the 2:23 AM and 4 AM from Ronkonkoma will leave 14-16 minutes earlier.

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 call 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and say: Long Island Rail Road. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider on the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511. 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=nl> and on twitter at <http://twitter.com/LIRRScoop>

