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New MTA LIRR Timetables Go into Effect Monday, Sept. 12 and Continue through Sunday Nov. 6

Service Enhancements and Track Maintenance Work Means Schedule Changes for Trains on Main Line, Long Beach, West Hempstead, Oyster Bay, Montauk & Far Rockaway Branches

New MTA Long Island Rail Road timetables go into effect Monday, September 12 and continuing through Sunday, November 6, on all branches bringing with them service enhancements as well as temporary schedule adjustments for off-peak trains to allow for important track maintenance projects.

The projects include a thorough clean up on the Main Line right-of-way, the installation of new rail ties between Babylon and Sayville on the Montauk branch and crossing renewals on the Main Line and Long Beach branches. Ongoing projects that continue to impact train schedules include East Side Access work in Harold Interlocking and Atlantic Avenue Viaduct repairs.

Customers using the LIRR on the branches affected by the maintenance and repair work should allow extra travel time when planning a trip.

Service Enhancements on the Far Rockaway and Montauk Branches

The new timetables also include several service enhancements the LIRR was able to implement within current budget constraints, including:

Far Rockaway Branch

The weekend westbound train that currently departs Valley Stream at 6:03 AM will be extended to include all stations on the Far Rockaway branch. It will begin its run at Far Rockaway station departing at 5:43 AM, Inwood at 5:48 AM, Lawrence at 5:50 AM, Cedarhurst at 5:52 AM, Woodmere at 5:55 AM, Hewlett at 5:57 AM and Gibson at 5:59 AM.

Montauk Branch

The weekend eastbound Speonk train that departs Jamaica at 7:41 PM will operate 6 minutes earlier at 7:35 PM, and the westbound train departing Montauk at 7:34 PM will leave Montauk 1 minute earlier at 7:33 PM to improve on time performance.

Schedule Adjustments for Track Maintenance

Whenever possible the LIRR schedules maintenance work during off-peak periods, such as midday during the week and on weekends, to minimize the impact on most LIRR customers who use the Railroad during the AM and PM rush hours to get to and from work. Track work will impact the following branches:

Main Line, Long Beach, West Hempstead, Oyster Bay Branches

As part of a continuing effort to clean up the right-of-way, the LIRR will remove scrap metal and other debris along the Main Line, as well as install new ties and continuous welded rail between Carle Place and Hicksville. This work requires one of two tracks to be taken out of service on weekdays during midday, off-peak hours. Westbound Ronkonkoma trains will depart 30 minutes later. Huntington trains are adjusted between 15 and 20 minutes. The following weekday trains have been cancelled:

The 11:37 AM westbound train from Port Jefferson to Hicksville is canceled.

The 11:50 AM eastbound train from Huntington to Port Jefferson is canceled.

Other Port Jefferson trains are adjusted accordingly to provide 2 hourly service on the branch. Schedules on the Long Beach, West Hempstead and Oyster Bay branches are also affected by this work. Also adjusted are the midday Riverhead/Greenport scoots, which require a 19-minute transfer for westbound service.

Montauk Branch

Installation of new rail ties will put one of two main tracks out of service midday on the Montauk Branch between Babylon and Sayville to allow the LIRR to install new rail ties. Eight eastbound and five westbound midday trains are affected. Two eastbound Patchogue trains and one eastbound Speonk train are canceled. Two westbound Patchogue trains and one westbound Speonk train are also canceled. Stops are added to the remaining trains, schedules are adjusted or bus service is provided to accommodate the affected customers.

Ronkonkoma Branch

Crossing renewal work on the Ronkonkoma Branch requires one of two main tracks to be taken out of service on weekends between Deer Park and Brentwood. Crossing renewal will take place on weekends at the 2nd St. and 4th St. crossings in Brentwood. Three westbound Ronkonkoma trains are

adjusted 13 – 17 minutes to accommodate this work.

Long Beach Branch

Crossing renewals - One of two main tracks will be out of service between Valley Stream and Island Park on weekends while the LIRR modernizes the grade crossings at Long Beach Road and Atlantic Avenue. Eastbound trains will depart 17 minutes earlier and westbound trains depart 9 minutes earlier to accommodate this work.

For More Information

For detailed information on all the schedule changes, customers are advised to pick up a copy of the new September 12 to November 6 timetables for their station or branch at LIRR stations and terminals, or go to www.mta.info/lirr. At the website, they can join the 60,000 other commuters who have already signed up for free LIRR email service alerts, the fastest and most accurate way to monitor LIRR trains. 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.