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New Long Island Rail Road Timetables Go into Effect Monday, February 27

New Off-Peak Schedule Changes to Allow the Railroad to Carry Out Track Maintenance Work

New Long Island Rail Road timetables go into effect Monday, February 27, bringing with them some temporary schedule adjustments for off-peak train travel on the Long Beach, Oyster Bay, Ronkonkoma and Babylon Branches. These changes are necessary to allow LIRR workers to install new rail ties, renew grade crossings and perform other important maintenance work.

The LIRR usually schedules maintenance work during off-peak periods, such as midday or overnight 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. Off-peak customers on the branches affected by the maintenance work should allow extra travel time when planning a trip.

Also, the LIRR reminds customers that Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 AM on Sunday, March 11. Remember to reset your clocks ahead by one hour.

Please check the new LIRR timetables for the following branches covering the period Monday, February 27 through Sunday, May 13, 2012 for the off-peak trains affected by the various construction projects and for their adjusted traveling times.

- **Long Beach Branch** - The installation of new rail ties between Jamaica and Valley Stream during weekday, off-peak hours will result in eastbound Long Beach trains departing three minutes later and westbound Long Beach trains departing three minutes earlier.
- **Oyster Bay Branch** - The renewal of railroad crossings during weekday, off-peak hours at three locations - Sea Cliff Ave. in Sea Cliff, IU Willets Road in Albertson and Duck Pond Road in Glen Cove – will necessitate the cancelation of one eastbound off-peak train and one westbound off-peak train and result in Oyster Bay branch trains running every two hours instead of hourly until peak service resumes.
- **Ronkonkoma Branch** – The renewal of the railroad crossing at Wicks Road in Brentwood overnight on three weekends will result in three overnight westbound trains having their schedules adjusted between 13 and 27 minutes.
- **Babylon Branch** – Weekend track work between Freeport and Wantagh will result in adjusted train times of up to nine minutes.

City Terminal Zone: Following completion of weekend Atlantic Viaduct work between Atlantic Terminal and East New York, Hempstead and Far Rockaway branch weekend schedules to and from Brooklyn are adjusted between 1 and 5 minutes as a result of the Freeport-Wantagh track work on the Babylon Branch."

For More Information

Customers can pick up a copy of the new timetables at the LIRR's major terminals and at local stations or consult the LIRR website at www.mta.info. Customer 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-day information on train service, sign up for LIRR E-alerts and text messages at www.mymtaalerts.com. Project and service information is also available on the LIRR's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/mtalirr?ref=nt> and on twitter at <http://twitter.com/LIRRScoop>.