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### LIRR Huntington/Port Jefferson Saturday Service Affected by Track Work August 11 & 18

#### *LIRR Renewing Railroad Grade Crossing at Pulaski Road*

The MTA Long Island Rail Road is performing railroad grade crossing renewal work on the Pulaski Road crossing in Huntington on two consecutive Saturdays, August 11 & 18. The work will require the reduction of eastbound and westbound train service on the Port Jefferson Branch on each Saturday. Some customers will be required to transfer at Hicksville to complete their trips.

The modernization work on the Pulaski Road grade crossing also requires the closure of the crossing to highway traffic each of the two Saturdays and a detour route will be established. On the first Saturday (August 11) the north track crossing will be completed. The second (or south track) will be done on the following Saturday (August 18).

Huntington/Port Jefferson service will be affected as follows:

#### **Huntington, Syosset, Cold Spring Harbor:**

To allow for the crossing renewal work, trains will stop at Huntington, Syosset, and Cold Spring Harbor stations once every hour – reduced from every half hour.

#### **Port Jefferson through Greenlawn:**

Trains will stop at stations Port Jefferson through Greenlawn every two hours – reduced from the usual hourly service.

Some eastbound customers originating at New Hyde Park and Merillon Avenue, and destined for stations Syosset through Port Jefferson, will transfer at Hicksville to continue travel to points east.

Some westbound customers originating at stations Port Jefferson through Syosset, and destined for Westbury and Merillon Avenue, will transfer at Hicksville to continue to their final destination.

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 Pulaski Road crossing will be closed to highway traffic between 11 PM Friday to 11 PM Saturday on both weekends. During the roadway closures, the following detour routes will be in effect:

#### **Southbound:**

From Pulaski Road, head south on Oakwood Road to 11th Street, then head east to New York Avenue, then north to Pulaski Road.

#### **Northbound:**

From Pulaski Road, head south on New York Avenue to 11th Street, then head west to Oakwood Road, then north to Pulaski Road.

Upon completion of the crossing work on each of these two Saturdays, 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.

For additional information, customers are advised to pick up a copy of the [Port Jefferson Branch Saturday Track Work Schedules dated August 11 & 18, 2012](#) or visit the LIRR website at [www.mta.info](http://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 for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.