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### Buses Replace Trains between Babylon & Bay Shore for Clinton Ave. Grade Crossing Renewal Project on Saturday, October 13 & Sunday, October 14

#### *Montauk Branch Customers Face Increased Travel Time of One Hour in Each Direction*

Buses will replace train service on the Long Island Rail Road's Montauk Branch between Babylon and Bay Shore over the weekend of Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14 to allow the LIRR to renew the Clinton Ave. railroad grade crossing just east of Bay Shore Station.

LIRR customers are advised as a result that travel time on Saturday and Sunday could be up to one hour longer than usual with Montauk Branch trains operating every two hours instead of the usual 90 minute intervals.

The installation of the new grade crossing will be completed late Sunday with regular train service scheduled to resume at 10 PM, well in advance of the Monday morning rush. As part of the project, an environmental cleanup of soil under the grade crossing will be carried out by National Grid.

#### **Eastbound**

Customers will board buses at Babylon for the trip to Bay Shore where they will board trains to continue on to points east. Approximately, 2,000 eastbound customers will be affected each day. Eastbound customers should expect up to 60 minutes additional travel time.

#### **Westbound**

Customers will board buses at Bay Shore for the trip to Babylon where trains will be waiting to carry them on their journey further west. Approximately, 2,100 customers will be affected each day. Westbound customers also should expect up to 60 minutes additional travel time.

#### **Special Montauk Branch Timetables for October 13-14**

Customers are advised to pick up a copy of the [specially-printed Montauk](#) and [Babylon](#) Branch timetables containing revised train schedules for Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14 at any LIRR terminal or their local train station. They will find the same information at the MTA LIRR website [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr). They can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: 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.