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LIRR Summer Track Tie Replacement on the Ronkonkoma Branch Enters Final Phase of Work Starting July 23

Buses Replace Midday, Weekday Trains between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma July 23-Aug. 10; Tie replacement provides greater service reliability and smoother, more comfortable ride

The MTA Long Island Rail Road's work to replace wooden ties on the Ronkonkoma Branch on weekdays between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma is entering its final phase starting Monday, July 23. In this last phase of the project, buses will replace midday weekday train service between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma. Regular train service will be provided between Ronkonkoma and Greenport. When completed by the end of the summer, the work will help ensure greater service reliability and a smoother, more comfortable ride for customers.

July 23 through August 10

In the final phase of the tie replacement work, between July 23 and August 10, buses will replace midday weekday train service between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma between 9 AM and 3 PM. Six eastbound and six westbound trains will originate and terminate at Farmingdale.

Eastbound:

The 8:14 AM, 9:14 AM, 10:14 AM, 11:14 AM, 12:14 PM and 1:14 PM trains from Penn Station to Ronkonkoma will terminate at Farmingdale. Customers will board a bus at Hicksville for travel to stations Pinelawn through Ronkonkoma. Customers using the bus service should anticipate up to 18 minutes additional travel time.

Customers for Bethpage and Farmingdale stations will stay on the train.

Westbound:

The 9:41 AM, 10:41 AM, 11:41 AM, 12:41 PM, 1:41 PM and 2:41 PM trains from Ronkonkoma will originate from Farmingdale. Westbound customers at stations Ronkonkoma through Pinelawn will board a bus bound for Hicksville, where they will transfer to trains to all points west. These customers should anticipate up to 32 minutes of additional travel time.

Customers for the 2:41 PM train will board a bus at their station up to 24 minutes earlier than normal train time.

Greenport Service:

Trains between Ronkonkoma and Greenport will operate on normal schedules.

Eastbound:

Customers from western terminals will board the 8:48 AM or the 12:31 PM train from Penn Station, or the 8:47 AM or the 12:05 PM train from Atlantic Terminal. At Hicksville, they will board express buses to Ronkonkoma where train service will resume.

Eastbound customers traveling from stations Bethpage through Central Islip will board a local bus to Ronkonkoma, up to 44 minutes earlier than normal train time. At Ronkonkoma, train service will resume.

Westbound:

Westbound customers traveling between Greenport and Ronkonkoma will have regular train service. However, those westbound customers traveling to western terminals will board express buses at Ronkonkoma to Hicksville where train service will resume.

Local bus service will be provided at Ronkonkoma for intra-branch travel between Ronkonkoma and Bethpage.

For More Information

Ronkonkoma Branch customers should pick up a copy of the Ronkonkoma Branch Timetable dated July 23 through September 3, 2012 at the LIRR's major terminals and at Ronkonkoma Branch line stations or consult the [LIRR Schedules and Fares page](#) on our website at mta.info/lirr. 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, [sign up for LIRR E-alerts and text messages](#) at www.mymtaalerts.com.