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LIRR Replaces Track Ties on the Ronkonkoma Branch Starting May 14

Buses Replace Midday, Weekday Trains as Work Progresses in Three Phases over Summer; Tie replacement provides greater service reliability and smoother, more comfortable ride

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will be replacing wooden ties on the Ronkonkoma Branch between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma on weekdays beginning May 14. The work will be completed in three phases to minimize customer impact. When completed by the end of the summer, the work will help ensure greater service reliability and a smoother, more comfortable ride for customers.

Phase One – May 14 through June 22

In the first phase of the work, from May 14 through June 22, midday weekday busing will replace trains between Brentwood and Ronkonkoma stations. Six eastbound and six westbound trains will originate and terminate at Brentwood station.

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 Brentwood, and bus service will be provided for the remainder of the trip to Central Islip and Ronkonkoma Stations.

Westbound:

The midday westbound trains will originate from Brentwood Station at 9:52 AM, 10:52 AM, 11:52 AM, 12:52 PM, 1:52 PM and 2:52 PM; respectively. Westbound customers at Ronkonkoma and Central Islip will have bus service to connect with train service at Brentwood for the remainder of their trip. The bus service will depart Ronkonkoma at 9:22 AM, 10:22 AM, 11:22 AM, 12:22 PM, 1:22 PM and 2:22 PM; and depart Central Islip at 9:32 AM, 10:32 AM, 11:32 AM, 12:32 PM, 1:32 PM and 2:32 PM.

Trains between Ronkonkoma and Greenport will operate on normal schedules.

Eastbound midday weekday customers, destined for points east of Ronkonkoma will have express bus service from Brentwood and Central Islip to stations Medford through Greenport, since the busing between Brentwood and Ronkonkoma will not allow them to connect with the regular Ronkonkoma-Greenport trains. Westbound midday weekday customers from stations Greenport through Medford, traveling west of Ronkonkoma will board their regular train to Ronkonkoma. At Ronkonkoma, they will transfer to buses for Hicksville for train service for the remainder of their trip, making local stops as necessary.

Phase Two – June 25 through July 20

The second phase of the work, from June 25 through July 20, requires the use of single track between Deer Park and Brentwood during the midday on weekdays. As a result, six midday weekday westbound Ronkonkoma trains are adjusted to depart Ronkonkoma at 9:41 AM, 10:41 AM, 11:41 AM, 12:41 PM, 1:41 PM and 2:41 PM.

Phase Three – July 23 through August 10

In the final phase, between July 23 and August 10, buses will replace midday weekday train service between Hicksville and Ronkonkoma. All Ronkonkoma Branch midday weekday trains will terminate and originate at Farmingdale.

Customers traveling east of Ronkonkoma will have express bus service between Hicksville and their home station, since the trains operating between Ronkonkoma and Greenport will run on their normal schedules.

Note: From August 13 through August 31, Ronkonkoma Branch midday weekday schedules will return to the schedule used during phase two to allow for increased service levels for the Barclay's Golf event which will be held in Bethpage State Park.

For More Information

Ronkonkoma Branch customers should pick up a copy of the new [Ronkonkoma Branch May 14 timetable](#) at the LIRR's major terminals and at Ronkonkoma Branch line stations or consult the [LIRR Schedules and Fares](#) page on our website at www.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.

