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IMMEDIATE

Buses Replace Trains for 48 Hours between Hicksville & Huntington 12:09 AM Saturday, Oct. 20 to 12:09 AM Monday, Oct. 22 for Switch Renewal

Schedule Adjustments for Some Port Jefferson, Ronkonkoma and Montauk Branch Trains

Buses will replace train service between Hicksville and Huntington for 48 hours beginning at 12:09 AM Saturday, October 20 and ending at 12:09 AM on Monday, October 22 while the Long Island Rail Road renews a key switching point just east of Hicksville Station where the Port Jefferson Branch and the LIRR's Main Line converge.

The project involves the replacement of a special switch that permits westbound trains to access two tracks at Hicksville Station and is part of the Railroad's ongoing efforts to ensure reliable service by renewing equipment that is nearing the end of its useful life. The work is going to impact train service in the following ways:

Eastbound

The track outage will affect eastbound travelers mostly on the Port Jefferson Branch, but also one train on the Ronkonkoma Branch and one train on the Montauk Branch.

Port Jefferson Branch:

Customers traveling to Syosset, Cold Spring Harbor and Huntington will board buses at Hicksville for those stations, adding 27 minutes to their trip. Customers whose destinations are stations east of Huntington to Port Jefferson will board a different train at Penn Station for the trip to Hicksville where they will also board buses to Huntington, then resume their trip by train to Greenlawn, Northport, Kings Park, St. James, Stony Brook and Port Jefferson.

Ronkonkoma Branch:

The 11:15 PM train from Penn Station will be held in Jamaica for four additional minutes.

Montauk Branch:

The 11:41 PM train from Jamaica will leave Jamaica six minutes later than usual.

Westbound

The track outage will impact westbound customers only on the Port Jefferson Branch.

Those starting out at Huntington, Cold Spring Harbor or Syosset will board buses or vans up to 30 minutes earlier than normal for the trip to Hicksville where they will continue west by train. Customers starting out at stations from Port Jefferson through Greenlawn will travel by train as far as Huntington where they will board buses that will take them to Hicksville to board trains for points west. Again, customers should expect an additional 27 minutes travel time.

Special Port Jefferson Timetable for October 20-21

Customers should pick up a copy of the [special Port Jefferson Branch Timetable for October 20-21](#) or consult the online version of the special timetable to determine train and bus departure and arrival times at their station.

Other Schedule Adjustments

The project will also result in schedule adjustments on Saturday and Sunday for eastbound and westbound Port Jefferson Branch trains stopping at Westbury, Carle Place, Mineola, Merillon Ave. and New Hyde Park. Customers are advised to consult the same [special Port Jefferson Timetable for October 20-21](#) to determine when trains are stopping at their station.

For More Information

Customers can pick up a copy of the specially-printed [Port Jefferson Branch timetables for Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21](#) at any LIRR terminal or their local train station. There are also special timetable cards for the [Ronkonkoma](#) and [Montauk](#) Branches for October 20 & 21. Customers will find the same information at the MTA LIRR website 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.