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MTA LIRR Weekend Concrete Tie Replacement Program Gets Underway This Weekend, November 16-18

Westbound Queens Village & Hollis Customers Will Receive Bus Service

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will be replacing concrete track ties on weekends in the area between Jamaica and Queens Village starting the weekend of November 16-18 and continuing on the weekends of November 30-December 2 and December 7-9. During that time the concrete ties on one of the four main tracks in this four-mile stretch will be removed and replaced with newly manufactured ones.

This tie replacement work, originally schedule to be done on weekends at the end of October and the beginning of November, was postponed due to preparation work before and restoration work after Hurricane Sandy. The rescheduled tie replacement work is being undertaken now, as the LIRR also continues recovery efforts related to Hurricane Sandy. The critical concrete tie replacement work is being accomplished with equipment that is designed specifically for tie replacement and that is not needed for the storm recovery work. Capacity restrictions on the LIRR network imposed by Amtrak's continuing work to restore their flooded East River tunnels are unaffected by this weekend work.

During the work period each weekend – starting at 9:41 PM Friday and continuing until 3:30 AM on Monday – customers at Queens Village and Hollis stations looking to travel **westbound** will be provided bus service to Jamaica for a train connection to points west. Additionally, those customers on **westbound** Hempstead Branch trains traveling to Queens Village and Hollis stations will disembark trains at Bellerose Station for bus service to Queens Village and Hollis.

Eastbound Hempstead Branch service will not be affected during the work weekends with the exception of the 10:42 PM train from Atlantic Terminal to Hempstead. This train will operate up to five minutes later than normal at stations east of Jamaica, since the work being performed will require this train to be held at Jamaica Station for approximately five minutes longer than normal.

In addition, some other trains on the Port Jefferson Branch and Montauk Branch will have their schedules adjusted a few minutes later. Special timetable cards are available for these two branches at stations and terminals and on the [LIRR's website](#) at www.mta.info/lirr.

The work will take place around-the-clock on weekends between Jamaica and Queens Village and will require the use of mechanized equipment. Because some of the work will take place at night and in the overnight, lighting will be required in the work area. All efforts will be made to minimize the noise associated with this project.

Customers should pick up a copy of the [special Hempstead Branch timetable](#) for the work weekends at their stations or at all terminals. The special schedules are also available online at www.mta.info/lirr.

For train schedule information, customers 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.