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### Switch Replacement Work at Valley Stream Saturdays, Sept. 15 & 29. Affects Train Schedules on Long Beach Branch.

***Also Affects Some Station Stops on Far Rockaway Branch and Some Connecting Train Service on Hempstead, Babylon & Montauk Branches***

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will be performing switch replacement work at Valley Stream on two consecutive Saturdays, September 15 & 29 which will affect train schedules predominantly on the Long Beach Branch those two days.

On the first Saturday, September 15, the work will be performed during an 18-hour period from approximately 7 AM Saturday to 2 AM Sunday. On Saturday, September 29, the 24-hour work period extends from 2 AM Saturday through 2 AM Sunday. During these work periods, the LIRR will be replacing switches in the major switching area that four of the LIRR branches operate through in Valley Stream.

Customers for eastbound Long Beach Branch trains will board trains up to 19 minutes later than normal, while westbound Long Beach trains will be adjusted to operate up to 12 minutes later than normal. The work also affects Long Beach Branch trains that stop at Valley Stream, Rosedale, Laurelton and Locust Manor on the Far Rockaway Branch and some connecting trains on the Hempstead, Babylon and Montauk Branches.

#### Long Beach Branch Service – September 15 & 29

*Eastbound:* On September 15 & 29, eastbound Long Beach Branch customers will board trains up to 19 minutes later than normal during the switch renewal work periods.

*Westbound:* On September 15 & 29, westbound Long Beach trains will be adjusted to depart up to 12 minutes later than normal.

On September 29 only, the 6:15 AM westbound train from Long Beach to Penn Station will depart Long Beach 29 minutes *earlier* than normal at 5:46 AM.

Long Beach Branch customers should pick up the [Special Long Beach Timetable dated Saturdays, September 15 & 29](#).

#### Far Rockaway Branch Service – September 15 & 29

Customers traveling on east- and westbound Long Beach Branch trains that stop at Valley Stream, Rosedale, Laurelton and Locust Manor on the Far Rockaway Branch will board those trains three to 19 minutes later than normal.

On September 29 only, the 4:37 AM eastbound train from Jamaica to Far Rockaway will depart Jamaica seven minutes later than normal at 4:44 AM.

Far Rockaway Branch customers for these stations should pick up the [Special Far Rockaway Timetable dated Saturdays, September 15 & 29](#).

#### Hempstead Branch – September 15 & 29

During the switch renewal work, the connection of two Hempstead Branch eastbound trains will be adjusted.

- Customers who normally take the 10:42 PM train from Penn Station to connect with Hempstead Branch service at Jamaica, will need to depart 7 minutes *earlier* on the 10:35 PM train from Penn Station.
- The 11:55 PM eastbound train from Atlantic Terminal will depart three minutes later at 11:58 PM. Its connecting train from Penn Station will also leave three minutes later at 11:58 PM.

Hempstead Branch customers should pick up the [Special Hempstead Timetable Card dated Saturdays, September 15 & 29](#).

#### Babylon Branch – September 15 & 29

On September 15 & 29, the 8:10 AM, 10:10 AM and 12:10 PM express trains from Jamaica to Babylon will have their connecting train service leave Penn Station 5 minutes *earlier* than normal time at 7:40 AM, 9:40 AM and 11:40 AM.

- Customers who normally take the 7:45 AM train from Penn Station to connect with Babylon express service will need to depart Penn Station five minutes earlier at 7:40 AM.

- Customers who normally take the 9:45 AM train from Penn Station to connect with Babylon express service will need to depart five minutes earlier at 9:40 AM.
- Customers who normally take the 11:45 AM train from Penn Station to connect with Babylon express service will need to depart five minutes earlier at 11:40 AM.

Babylon Branch customers should pick up the [Special Babylon Timetable Card dated Saturdays, September 15 & 29](#).

#### **Montauk Branch – September 15 & 29**

- Customers who normally take the 7:45 AM train from Penn Station to connect with Montauk service at Jamaica will need to depart Penn Station five minutes earlier at 7:40 AM.
- Customers who normally take the 9:45 AM train from Penn Station to connect with Montauk service at Jamaica will need to depart five minutes earlier at 9:40 AM.
- Customers who normally take the 11:45 AM train from Penn Station to connect with Montauk service at Jamaica will need to depart five minutes earlier at 11:40 AM.

Montauk Branch customers should pick up the [Special Montauk Timetable Card dated Saturdays, September 15 & 29](#).

Customers on the five affected branches can consult the [LIRR's website](#) at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr) for the special [September 15 & 29 timetables](#), or contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center by calling 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 for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.