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MTA LIRR Weekend Concrete Tie Replacement Program Gets Underway Weekend of October 26-28

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 October 26 and continuing for four consecutive weekends through November 18. 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.

During the work period each weekend – starting at 9:31 PM Friday and continuing until 3:30 AM on Monday – 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. Additionally, those 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.

Eastbound Hempstead Branch service will not be affected during the work weekends with the exception of the 9:42 PM train from Atlantic Terminal to Hempstead. This train will operate up to three 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 three minutes longer than normal.

In addition, some other trains may have their schedules adjusted a few minutes later.

For the final work weekend, November 16-18, customers should pick up the new November 12th timetable, which will be in effect.

The work will take place round-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 period October 26-November 11 at their stations or at all terminals. The special schedules are also available online at www.mta.info/lirr. A new November 12th timetable will be in effect for the last work weekend.

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.