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### Bus Service Replaces Eastbound Trains between Jamaica & Queens Village for Track Work Over Eight Weekends Starting March 8-11

#### *Work Scheduled to Begin Fridays at 10:20 PM & End Mondays at 3:30 AM*

To accommodate important weekend track work, buses will replace eastbound trains to Hollis and Queens Village this coming weekend March 8-11 and continuing for eight weekends through April and into May. Westbound service will not be affected.

Hempstead Branch customers can pick up a copy of the special Hempstead Branch Concrete Tie Track Work Timetable at stations or view the timetable on the MTA website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). The work weekends are: March 8-11, March 22-25, April 5-8, April 12-15, April 19-22, April 26-29, May 3-6 and May 17-20. The first bus departs Jamaica at 11:06 PM on Friday and bus service continues through 3:30 AM on Monday in time for the Monday morning rush while LIRR workers install new concrete ties.

#### **Eastbound:**

Customers traveling east to Hollis or Queens Village will transfer to buses at Jamaica and should plan for up to 25 minutes of additional travel time. The outage is expected to affect approximately 916 customers during that period. Customers at Hollis or Queens Village who wish to travel east will board buses to Bellerose Station and then transfer to trains for service to all stations through Hempstead. Buses will depart 27 minutes earlier than normal train time.

In 2012, the LIRR spent \$51.8 million on track maintenance, a program to maintain its 594 miles of commuter track and 107 miles of train yard. The Railroad employs a cyclical track replacement program, informed by routine inspections to assess condition, to maintain safety and reliability by keeping the track infrastructure in good repair and complying with all Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) track standards.

#### **For More Information**

Customers should go to [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) where they can sign up for text or email service alerts. 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 or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.