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Weekend Track Work Means Temporary Schedule Changes on Babylon, Montauk, Hempstead & Far Rockaway Train

Switch Replacement in Wantagh Saturday to Monday, Nov. 2-4 & Nov. 9-11

MTA Long Island Rail Road workers will be replacing switches at a key interlocking in Wantagh over the next two weekends, a project that will result in track outages between Babylon and Freeport and schedule changes for trains on the Babylon, Montauk, Hempstead and Far Rockaway branches as well as trains stopping at St. Albans Station in Queens.

The LIRR advises customers to consult the Special Timetables with revised train schedules for each of those routes. The Special Timetables available at terminals and stations and on the MTA LIRR website at <http://www.mta.info/lirr>.

Here are some of the important changes affecting service branch by branch:

Babylon Branch

Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3 & November 9-10

Eastbound and westbound train service will be reduced from half-hourly to hourly between Babylon and Freeport as tracks in each direction are taken out of service alternately on Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3 and again Saturday and Sunday, November 9-10.

Sunday and Monday, Nov. 3-4 & November 10-11

For five hours beginning at 9 PM Sunday night and continuing through 2:30 AM Monday morning, buses will replace trains in both directions between Freeport and Babylon when both tracks are taken out of service at the same time. Customers should plan for up to 20 minutes of extra travel time.

Montauk Branch

Eastbound

- Saturday and Sunday trains that normally depart Penn Station at 7:14 AM, 3:15 PM, 4:07 PM and 8:07 PM will instead depart 12 minutes earlier than usual.
- Sunday night customers on the 9:25 PM train from Penn Station will transfer to buses at Freeport. At Babylon, customers will transfer to the Speonk train.

Westbound

- Sunday night customers on the 8:22 PM and 9:23 PM trains from Patchogue will transfer to buses at Babylon. At Freeport, customers will transfer to Penn Station-bound trains.

Hempstead Branch

On Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3 and Saturday and Sunday, November 9-10, the 1:58 AM westbound train from Hempstead will have a later connecting time at Jamaica, leaving Jamaica at 2:39 AM and arriving at Penn Station at 3:02 AM.

Far Rockaway Branch

On Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3 and Saturday and Sunday, November 9-10, the 1:50 AM westbound train from Far Rockaway will have a later connecting time at Valley Stream, leaving Valley Stream at 2:23 AM and arriving at Penn Station at 3:02 AM. As a result, this train will depart from Laurelton, Rosedale and Locust Manor four minutes later than normal.

St. Albans Station

Service changes will affect customers using St. Albans Station on Saturdays, Sundays and early Monday morning of November 2-4 & November 9-11. In total, three eastbound trains and six westbound trains are affected.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Customers are reminded that Daylight Savings Time comes to an end this Sunday morning, November 3 at 2 AM when clocks will be turned back one hour. Customers should be conscious of the time change when making travel plans.

For More Information

Customers should pick up a copy of the Special Timetables printed individually for the Babylon, Montauk, and Hempstead and Far Rockaway branches and for St. Albans Station which contain the revised train schedules for the two work weekends. The Special Timetables are also available on the LIRR MTA website at <http://mta.info/lirr/Timetable/> or by calling the LIRR's Customer Service Center using 511, the New York State Travel Information Line and say: Long Island Rail Road. The deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.