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Good News Times Two for LIRR Port Washington Branch Customers

Port Washington Station Pedestrian Bridge Extension Installed and Great Neck Station West End Platform Reopened

Port Washington Branch customers of the MTA Long Island Rail Road will benefit from two recently completed projects – at the Great Neck and Port Washington stations.

At the Port Washington Station, work on an extension of the Eastern pedestrian bridge was completed during the weekend, allowing customers to reach all platforms by using the overpass. And, at the Great Neck Station, workers completed the rehabilitation of the west end of the westbound platform (also known as Platform A).

“Both of these projects will improve the customer experience at two of our busiest stations on a key branch,” said LIRR President Patrick Nowakowski. “We would like to thank customers for their patience during the construction as well as local community leaders who partnered with us on these important improvements.”

The work plan for the Port Washington Eastern bridge extension restored pedestrian access to the Haven Avenue side of the station. Access had been limited after the Railroad found that the Western pedestrian bridge had deteriorated beyond repair and was removed.

The extension was built with modular, pre-fabricated materials serving an area approximately 16 feet wide and 46 feet long including the stairway and landing area at ground level. New lighting also was installed in the area.

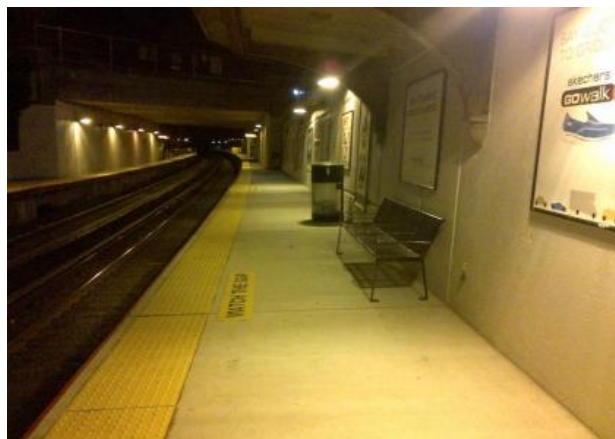
The Great Neck Station platform project, which was part of an overall spruce up of the station, was accomplished in two phases so that the entire platform was never out of service at one time. The elevator on that side of the station is once again accessible after having closed in July.

The west end closure required the installation of a temporary stairway just west of the station building and a temporary platform extension so that the regular customer flow could be accommodated.

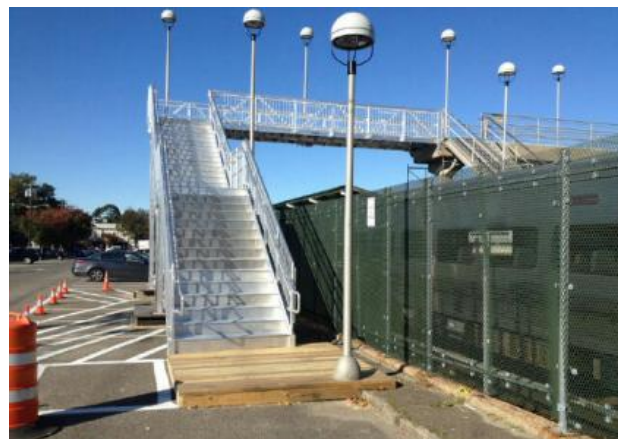
At the Port Washington station, the Long Island Rail Road continues to work on a long-term solution with the Town of North Hempstead and community leaders that would extend two tracks and replace the two pedestrian bridges as part of a larger project to improve LIRR service to Port Washington while updating the station and getting it ready for the opening of East Side Access.

For More Information

For additional information, customers can consult the LIRR’s website at www.mta.info/lirr 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



Great Neck Station platform



Port Washington Station pedestrian bridge

