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New LIRR Train Schedules Start on September 2, 2014

New MTA Long Island Rail Road timetables are going into effect Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

The new train schedules for the LIRR's 11 branches will be in effect through Sunday, November 16 and reflect the LIRR's commitment to keep its infrastructure in good repair. Some of the changes have been made to accommodate new and ongoing construction projects and track repair programs.

Work includes track surfacing on the Babylon branch which will result in one of two tracks between Valley Stream and Rockville Centre to be taken out of service overnight on weeknights.

Buses will replace midday trains between Ronkonkoma and Greenport to accommodate grade crossing renewal work and tie replacement between Ronkonkoma and Greenport.

One of two main tracks will be out of service on weekends as work begins on the West Portal just east of Atlantic Terminal. Four trains on the Far Rockaway and Hempstead branches will be affected.

Also reflected in the new timetables is our traditional extra service for events at Barclays Center between Atlantic Terminal and Jamaica, special Belmont Park service, and Mets-Willets Point stops during the New York Mets fall season.

Details on the schedule change:

Babylon Branch

Due to track surfacing, 22 overnight weeknight trains on the Babylon, Far Rockaway and Hempstead Branches will depart between six minutes earlier and 11 minutes later.

Mainline: Ronkonkoma to Greenport

Buses replace four midday trains on weekdays between Ronkonkoma and Greenport as work is done to replace ties and restore grade crossings. Note: Westbound buses will depart earlier than normal train times.

Eastbound

· The 10:42 a.m. train from Ronkonkoma, scheduled to depart Medford at 10:53 a.m., Yaphank at 11:01 a.m., Riverhead at 11:27 a.m., Mattituck at 11:43 a.m., Southold at 11:57 a.m. and arriving at Greenport at 12:07 p.m. will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated at 10:47 a.m. by bus from Ronkonkoma making all scheduled stops (an additional 5 minutes to scheduled train times) and arriving at Greenport at 12:12 p.m.

· The 2:42 p.m. train from Ronkonkoma, scheduled to depart Medford at 2:53 p.m., Yaphank at 3:01 p.m. and arriving at Riverhead at 3:27 p.m. will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated at 2:47 p.m. by bus from Ronkonkoma making all scheduled stops (an additional 5 minutes to scheduled train times) and arriving in Riverhead at 3:32 p.m.

Westbound

· The 9:21 a.m. train from Riverhead, scheduled to depart Yaphank at 9:45 a.m., Medford at 9:55 a.m. and arrive at Ronkonkoma at 10:06 a.m. will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated at 9:14 a.m. by bus from Riverhead making all scheduled stops and arriving in Ronkonkoma at 10:11 a.m. Buses depart earlier than normal train departures.

· The 12:42 p.m. train from Greenport scheduled to depart Southold at 12:52 p.m., Mattituck at 1:05 p.m., Riverhead at 1:21 p.m., Yaphank at 1:47 p.m. Medford at 1:55 p.m. and arriving in Ronkonkoma at 2:06 p.m. will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by bus at 12:32 p.m. from Greenport making all scheduled stops and arriving at Ronkonkoma at 2:01 p.m. Buses depart earlier than normal train departures.

For More Information

The new timetables are available at LIRR terminals and stations. For additional schedule information, customers should go to www.mta.info/lirr. For up-to-the-minute service info, customers can download the LIRR's Train Time app at <http://web.mta.info/lirr/trainertimeapp/> or sign up for LIRR's free E-alerts at <http://www.mymtaalerts.com/LoginC.aspx>. 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.

