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Buses to Replace LIRR Trains Between Patchogue and Montauk on Saturday, March 4, for Railroad Crossing Renewal

One Block of William Floyd Parkway to Be Closed from 10 p.m. Friday, March 3, to 5 a.m. Sunday, March 5

To ensure continued safety, Long Island Rail Road workers will renew the railroad crossing at William Floyd Parkway (Suffolk County Route 46), between 10 p.m. Friday, March 3, and 5 a.m. Sunday, March 5. The work will include a rehabilitation of the concrete railroad crossing surface, as well as the tracks, including the steel rails and adjacent concrete ties, and the compacted stone bedding the ties rest in, which is known as ballast.

To enable the work, the Montauk Branch's track will be taken out of service and buses will replace portions of the 22 Montauk Branch trains scheduled to travel east of Patchogue on Saturday, and William Floyd Parkway will be closed at the location of the railroad crossing.

The LIRR advises customers traveling to or from any station between Bellport and Montauk to plan for additional travel time and to be prepared to transfer between trains and buses at Patchogue. Between Patchogue and all points west, trains will run on their normal schedules. Details are below.

Westbound

Eleven trains that normally would originate at Montauk or Speonk will instead originate at Patchogue. For customers at any station between Bellport and Montauk looking for westbound trains will instead find buses, which will depart between 16 and 34 minutes before the normal scheduled train departure times. For a schedule of bus departure times, please visit this link: http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/MontaukBranch_CrossingRenewal_Mar_4_2...

The first westbound train to be affected by this planned service change will be the 5:34 a.m. departure from Speonk on Saturday, March 4, due into Jamaica at 7:10 a.m. The last westbound train to be affected by this planned service change will be the 11:56 p.m. departure from Speonk on Saturday night, due into Jamaica at 1:39 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Eastbound

Eleven trains that normally continue east of Patchogue en route to Speonk or Montauk will instead terminate at Patchogue. Buses will be waiting at the station to accommodate customers looking for continued travel to all stations further east. Customers should anticipate up to an additional 29 minutes of travel time to their final destination. For scheduled bus arrival times, please visit this link: http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/MontaukBranch_CrossingRenewal_Mar_4_2...

The first eastbound train to be affected by this planned service change is the 12:36 a.m. departure from Babylon, normally due to arrive at Speonk at 1:35 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, March 4. The last train to be affected by this planned service change is the 11:26 p.m. departure from Babylon on Saturday night, normally due to arrive at Speonk at 12:27 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Motorists

William Floyd Parkway (Suffolk County Route 46) will be closed at the railroad crossing from 10 p.m. Friday, March 3, to 5 a.m. Sunday, March 5. While the work is in progress, the Long Island Rail Road and the MTA Police will provide the necessary flagmen, detour signs and crossing protection.

The following detour routes have been established for motorists seeking to travel through the area.

Southbound: Proceed south on William Floyd Parkway to Montauk Highway. Make a left and proceed east to Mastic Rd. Make a right and proceed south to Patchogue Ave. / Northern Blvd. Make a right and proceed west to William Floyd Parkway.

Northbound: Proceed north on William Floyd Parkway to Patchogue Ave. / Northern Blvd. Make a right and proceed east to Mastic Rd. Make a left and proceed north to Montauk Highway. Make a left and proceed west to William Floyd Parkway.

Upon completion of the crossing panel installation, temporary paving material will be placed between the Long Island Rail Road crossing panels and a saw cut line of the roadway. The approaches to the crossing will be permanently repaved following the completion of the railroad crossing work.

Customer Information Sources

Information about this planned service change will also be made available through a variety of digital and real-time sources:

- MTA.info. In the rail tab of the "Service Status" box at the left side of www.MTA.info, the Montauk Branch row will indicate Planned Service Change during the hours of the change, and will offer a link for full schedule change information. The information is also available via the special service notice section of the LIRR's Home Page at www.mta.info/lirr, and the special timetable is available through the LIRR's schedules homepage.
- Email and text message service updates. The LIRR will send emails or text messages to customers who have signed up at MyMTAAAlerts.com. So far 87,500 people have signed up. To avoid unwanted messages, users can tailor the messages they receive to a specific branch, and specific times of day.
- @LIRR on Twitter. The LIRR will issue tweets announcing this change via Twitter, at @LIRR.
- LIRR Train Time™. Information about this service change will be incorporated into train schedule information included in the LIRR Train Time™ app and website, and the LIRR's point-to-point scheduling tool at MTA.info. The above communications channels can be accessed while at home or on the go. For customers who are located at stations, the LIRR will post the latest service updates on digital signs at station platforms and will make audio announcements over public address systems, and on-board announcements made by train crews.

For those who prefer the telephone, assistance is also available from the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: "Long Island Rail Road." Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.