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### LIRR to Replace Switches in Peconic on Dec. 12

#### *Buses to Substitute For Trains Between Ronkonkoma and Greenport*

The Long Island Rail Road will replace switches at Mill Road in Peconic on Tuesday, Dec. 12, in an effort to improve service and reliability along the Main Line stretch between Ronkonkoma and Greenport as part of the Mill Road Switch Replacement Project. The LIRR is committed to minimizing impacts on our customers as it performs necessary infrastructure upgrades by scheduling the work midweek to lessen disruptions to the East End during the weekend.

Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 12, the single main track will be taken out of service between Ronkonkoma and Greenport after the arrival of the 5:30 a.m. train from Greenport at Ronkonkoma at 6:53 a.m. Regular train service will resume between Greenport and Ronkonkoma the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 13.

To allow for this work, which is taking place on the track west of the crossing at Mill Road, four eastbound trains and four westbound trains between Ronkonkoma and Greenport will be cancelled on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Bus service will be provided on this day to accommodate customers who are traveling among Greenport, Southold, Mattituck, Riverhead, Yaphank, and Medford stations to connect to regular train service that will run between Ronkonkoma and Penn Station.

A special timetable can be found here: <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/12-12-2017%20-%20GP%20-%20Mill%20Rd%20...>

#### Eastbound

- Cancelled eastbound trains on Tuesday, Dec. 12, include: the 7:30 a.m., 12:42 p.m. and 6:53 p.m. departures from Ronkonkoma to Greenport; as well as the 5:21 p.m. from Ronkonkoma to Yaphank.
- Customers will detrain at Ronkonkoma Station and board buses for stations Medford through Greenport or Yaphank. Passengers should expect up to 18 minutes additional travel time.

#### Westbound

- Cancelled westbound trains on Tuesday, Dec. 12, include: the 9:43 a.m., 2:43 p.m., and 9:39 p.m. departures from Greenport to Ronkonkoma; as well as the 6 p.m. from Yaphank to Ronkonkoma.
- Westbound customers at stations Greenport or Yaphank through Medford will board buses up to 18 minutes earlier than normal for Ronkonkoma Station, where westbound train service will resume.

#### Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about the service change noted in this press release, and all planned service changes, is available through the LIRR's real-time service information sources:

**Email and text message service updates** – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting [MyMTAAlerts.com](http://MyMTAAlerts.com). To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

**LIRR Train Time app** – Customers who use the LIRR Train Time app will see up-to-the-minute status for each upcoming train at each station. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route.

**MTA.info** – The rail tab of the "Service Status" box at the left side of [www.MTA.info](http://www.MTA.info) always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit [www.mta.info/lirrto](http://www.mta.info/lirrto) see special service notices in the upper center of the page.

**@LIRR on Twitter** – Twitter users can follow @LIRR to receive updates of a similar nature to the email and text alerts, shortened to fit Twitter's format.

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**, information is 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.