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LIRR Montauk Branch Signalization Proceeds Weekend of November 11-12

Buses to Substitute for Trains Between Patchogue and Montauk

The Long Island Rail Road is modernizing the Montauk Branch, extending the high capacity electric signal system in place throughout most of the railroad 45 miles eastward from Speonk all the way to Montauk. The move will mean even greater train safety and reliability, will enable future service upgrades, and paves the way for the implementation of Positive Train Control.

As the work proceeds, crews will be out in force on the rails from Friday night, November 10, through the early morning hours of Monday, November 13. As a result, buses will substitute for trains between Patchogue and Montauk during this time. Details are below.

Eastbound

Starting with the train that originates at Babylon at 8:36 p.m. on Friday, November 10, through and including the train that originates at Babylon at 11:26 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, all trains will terminate at Patchogue. Customers looking for travel to Bellport, Mastic-Shirley, Speonk, Westhampton, Hampton Bays, Southampton, Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Amagansett or Montauk can transfer to buses at Bellport.

Customers should anticipate an additional 29 minutes in travel time.

For full schedule details, click the link below for a special timetable related to this planned service change: <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/11-10%20to%2011-13-2017%20-%20MK%20-%20Signal%20Installation%20BROCHURE%20-%20GO%20302.pdf>

Westbound

Starting with the train that normally originates at Speonk at 9:59 p.m. on Friday, November 10, and continuing through the train that normally originates at Speonk at 11:56 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, all trains will originate at Patchogue and their regularly scheduled Patchogue departure times. Customers looking to board trains at Montauk, Amagansett, East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Southampton, Hampton Bays, Westhampton, Speonk, Mastic-Shirley or Bellport will find buses that will connect with trains at Patchogue for continuing service. The buses will depart their stations of origin **between 16 and 34 minutes earlier** than normal train departure times.

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Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about the service changes 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. 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 is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit www.mta.info/lirr to 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.