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### Midweek Infrastructure Work in Mattituck to Improve Ride on North Fork

#### *Buses to Substitute For Two Trains Wednesday, Oct. 4 Between Riverhead + Greenport*

LIRR crews will renew the railroad crossing at Love Lane in Mattituck on Wednesday, Oct. 4, as part of the 2017 Annual Track Rehabilitation Project. The work will improve safety and reliability on the Ronkonkoma Branch, as well as provide a smoother ride for customers.

To allow for this work to be completed between 6:10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 4, customers will board buses for transport between Riverhead, Mattituck, Southold and Greenport in place of one eastbound train and one westbound train.

As the LIRR strives to minimize impacts on our customers as it performs necessary infrastructure upgrades, the work was scheduled midweek to lessen disruptions on popular North Fork weekends. Funds for this work are included in the 2015-19 Capital Program.

#### Eastbound

The 10:44 a.m. departure from Ronkonkoma due into Greenport at 12:08 p.m. will terminate at Riverhead its usual time of 11:28 a.m. Customers seeking to travel to Mattituck, Southold or Greenport will transfer to buses at Riverhead for continuing service. Customers should plan for up to 10 minutes of additional travel time.

#### Westbound

The 12:58 p.m. departure from Greenport, due into Ronkonkoma at 2:22 p.m., will originate at Riverhead at its usual time of 1:37 p.m. Customers traveling from Greenport, Southold or Mattituck will find buses departing up to 13 minutes before regularly scheduled departure times. The bus will stop at Southold at 12:56 p.m.; Mattituck at 1:10 p.m. and Riverhead at 1:27 p.m. Customers will then board the 1:37 p.m. train at Riverhead due Penn Station at 4:02 p.m.

For more detailed bus and train time information, view the special timetable [here](#):

#### Impact to Motorists

Motorists are advised that from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Oct. 4, the crossing at Love Lane will be closed to traffic. While work is in progress, MTA PD officers will assist with the closure and traffic detours. Temporary paving will be installed at the crossing to be permanently repaved at a later date.

#### Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about the additional service 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.