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Service Update: LIRR's New Gibson Pedestrian Overpass Installation Date Rescheduled

Buses to Substitute For Trains Between Valley Stream and Far Rockaway on Saturday, November 10; Regular Train Service in This Corridor to Run on Saturday, November 3

Long Island Rail Road crews are set to install a new pedestrian overpass at the Gibson Station on Saturday, November 10, 2018.

Finishing work on this project, which will serve customers at this station for decades to come, was originally scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 3, but was rescheduled to Saturday, November 10.

Work to dismantle and remove the old pedestrian bridge was done on Friday, October 19, and Saturday, October 20. The former pedestrian structure was primarily supported by wood and neared the end of its useful life. The LIRR is replacing it with a new overpass, constructed with durable aluminum, ensuring a lasting quality.

To allow for installation of the new overpass, buses will substitute for trains between Valley Stream and Far Rockaway on Saturday, November 10. Regular train service will operate on this branch on Saturday, November 3.

In the interim, the LIRR asks customers using Gibson Station to allow sufficient time to safely cross the tracks at the grade crossing at Dubois Avenue.

On November 10, buses will substitute for trains between Valley Stream and Far Rockaway stations. The LIRR will post a special timetable detailing bus arrival and departure times online [at the LIRR schedules page at this link](#).

Eastbound: Passengers will detrain at Valley Stream and board buses for Gibson through Far Rockaway stations. Passengers will arrive up to 24 minutes later, depending on originating station.

Westbound: Passengers will board buses at their stations from Far Rockaway through Gibson up to 27 minutes **earlier** for Valley Stream, where train service will resume.

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.

MYmta app – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app will see real-time travel information for LIRR and connecting services all in one place. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route. The LIRR Train Time app also remains available for customers to access LIRR train information.

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.