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LIRR Crews to Renew Switches at Hicksville and Railroad Crossing in Syosset

Port Jefferson Branch Service to Be Reduced Nov. 3-4

This coming weekend, Nov. 3-4, Long Island Rail Road crews will perform maintenance on track switches in Hicksville and renew the railroad crossing at Robbins Lane in Syosset, improving safety. As a result of this important infrastructure work, trains between Penn Station and Huntington will run every hour, instead of every half hour, and trains between Huntington and Port Jefferson will run every two hours, instead of every 90 minutes.

To accommodate the work and the Port Jefferson Branch schedule changes, trains on the Ronkonkoma Branch and Babylon Branch will operate on adjusted schedules, and several trains on the Long Beach Branch and Montauk Branch will also be adjusted slightly.

Customers on all branches should look to special timetables for November 3-4 linked below to find service details. These special schedules are also reflected in the MYmta app, the Long Island Rail Road Train Time app, and MTA.info schedule planning tools.

Customers can find special timetables [at this MTA.info's LIRR schedules page](#), which is found through the LIRR's [schedules and fares page](#) by clicking on "all train schedules." The PDF timetables are also linked below:

- [Babylon Branch](#)
- [Far Rockaway Branch](#)
- [Hempstead Branch](#)
- [Long Beach Branch](#)
- [Montauk Branch](#)
- [Oyster Bay Branch](#)
- [Port Jefferson Branch](#)
- [Ronkonkoma Branch](#)
- [West Hempstead Branch](#)

Robbins Lane Vehicular Detour

The crossing will be fully closed to traffic from 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, through 11:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4, while the work is in progress. Detours are as follows:

Northbound: Proceed south on Robbins Lane to the North Service Road of the LIE, make a right and proceed west to N. Broadway 106/107. Make a right and proceed north to 25 Jericho Turnpike East and proceed east on 25 to Robbins Lane.

Southbound: Proceed north on Robbins Lane to 25 Jericho Turnpike. Make a left and proceed west to N. Broadway 106/107, make a right and proceed south on Broadway 106/107 to South Marginal Rd. On South Service Rd. make a left and proceed east to South Oyster Bay Road. Make a left and proceed to the North Service Road. of the LIE, make a left and proceed west to Robbins Lane.

LIRR and the MTA Police will provide the necessary crossing protection.

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.