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LIRR to Renew 13 Railroad Crossings and Perform Tie Replacement Work on Montauk Branch

Buses to Substitute For Portions of Travel on Six Midday Trains Between Patchogue and Montauk From February 26 to May 18

Long Island Rail Road crews will work to replace wooden railroad ties on the Montauk Branch between Patchogue and Speonk on weekdays, Mondays through Fridays, from February 26 to May 18, 2018. This work is being performed as part of the LIRR's 2018 Annual Track Program, an ongoing initiative to renew our track infrastructure, an imperative effort to maintain and improve safety and on-time performance.

Buses will replace trains between Patchogue and Montauk, as this section of the Montauk Branch will be out of service each weekday from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. during this timeframe, to allow for the work to take place.

Coinciding with this work, new concrete railroad crossings will be installed at 13 Montauk Branch crossings during the months of March, April and May, on weekdays from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Each crossing will be closed to vehicular traffic for at least one day. While the work is in progress, MTA Police will assist with crossing closure and traffic detours. Temporary paving will be installed and each crossing will be permanently repaved at a later date.

Crossings to be renewed:

- East Hampton: Wainscott NW Road, King Street, Osborne Lane (Expected late March)
- Patchogue: Bay Avenue, Grove Avenue, Conklin Avenue, Pine Neck Avenue (Expected late April)
- Bellport: Arthur Avenue (Date TBD), South Country Road (Expected May)
- Center Moriches: Chichester Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Pine Street, Locust Avenue (Expected May)

Train service changes are as follows:

*Please note, these service changes will not be in effect for Good Friday, March 30.

Eastbound

- The 7:49 a.m., 10:22 a.m., and 11:01 a.m., trains from Penn Station will terminate at Patchogue.
- Customers of these trains traveling to Bellport through Montauk will find buses at Patchogue for travel to their destinations.
- Customers can expect up to 41 minutes additional travel time, dependent on their destination.

Westbound

- The 11:18 a.m., and 2:51 p.m. departures from Montauk and the 2:00 p.m. train from Speonk will originate at Patchogue.
- Customers traveling from Montauk through Bellport will board buses at their station for Patchogue, where they will transfer to train service.
- Customers will board buses up to 1 hour and 5 minutes later than normally scheduled train service, and should expect up to 32 minutes additional travel time, depending on their destination.

A special Montauk Branch timetable, dated February 26 – May 18, 2018, will be available at stations as well as www.mta.info/lirr.

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.