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LIRR Finalizes Mechanized Tie Replacement on Montauk Branch, Increasing Service Reliability and Safety

Buses to Substitute For Some Off-Peak Weekday Trains Between Patchogue and Montauk November 12-16

LIRR crews will complete a railroad tie replacement project between Patchogue and Montauk stations next week, from Monday, November 12, to Friday, November 16, 2018, increasing service reliability and safety along this stretch of the Montauk Branch.

This proactive infrastructure work, including surfacing and drainage remediation, will take place each day during off-peak hours, in an effort to minimize service changes during busy weekday service periods. This work to renew the railroad's infrastructure will require bus service to substitute for trains between these stations, starting at 8:01 a.m. until 5:41 p.m. each day.

Eastbound trains will terminate at Patchogue, where customers traveling to stations Bellport through Montauk will board buses to their destination. Westbound customers traveling from Montauk through Bellport will board buses at their station, bound for Patchogue, where train service will resume. Detailed service info is below.

Montauk Branch -- [Special Timetable Here](#)

- Weekday, off-peak: Monday, November 12, through Friday, November 16, 2018.
- Buses will substitute for trains between Montauk and Patchogue between the hours of 8:01 a.m. and 5:41 p.m. each day.
- Westbound customers will board buses at stations Montauk through Bellport up to 1 hour and 4 minutes later than normal for Patchogue, where normal train service will resume. Customers can expect up to 1 hour 28 minutes additional travel time, depending on originating station.
- Eastbound customers will board buses in Patchogue, stopping at Bellport through Montauk, and should expect up to 65 minutes additional travel time, depending on destination.

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.