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### LIRR's November 11 Timetable Change Addresses Fall Leaf Season, Trackwork, and Positive Train Control Installation

MTA Long Island Rail Road crews continue to make improvements across the system resulting in some peak and off-peak schedule adjustments for customers. LIRR is advising customers that new timetables go into effect Nov. 11 and continue through Jan. 5, 2020.

Along with improvements related to track resurfacing and station renovation, cable installation will begin in Brooklyn for the implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC), a technology to improve rail safety.

And, to keep the rails safer during leaf falling season, LIRR will reduce train speeds in areas prone to slippery rail/low-adhesion conditions.

#### Peak Changes

On the **Ronkonkoma Branch**, several AM peak trains will operate on slightly adjusted schedules east of Hicksville to account for the reduced speeds. Trains will arrive at western terminals at their normal times.

- The 5:25 a.m. train from Greenport to Ronkonkoma will depart 6 minutes earlier and arrive in Ronkonkoma 3 minutes earlier. Its connecting train, the 6:51 a.m. westbound train from Ronkonkoma, will depart 3 minutes earlier at 6:48 a.m., departing earlier from stations through Bethpage.
- The 7:51 a.m. westbound train from Farmingdale to Penn Station will depart 1 minute earlier at 7:50 a.m., departing earlier from stations through Bethpage.
- The 7:32 a.m. westbound train from Ronkonkoma to Penn Station will depart 3 minutes earlier at 7:29 a.m., departing earlier from stations through Farmingdale.

#### Weekday Off-Peak and Weekend Changes

On the **Babylon Branch**, crews will resurface track between Jamaica and Valley Stream, taking one track out of service at select times and locations. Crews will also continue to make Lynbrook station enhancements. For details on the Lynbrook station upgrades, please visit this link:

<http://www.amodernli.com/project/lynbrook-station-enhancement/>

During mid-days on weekdays **Babylon Branch** trains will depart between 7 minutes earlier and 13 minutes later. Overnight trains on Babylon and **Long Beach** branches will depart between 20 minutes earlier and 15 minutes later.

On weekends and overnights, trains operating between **Jamaica** and **Brooklyn** will depart 7 minutes earlier and 15 minutes later to accommodate NYC Department of Transportation construction work at Atlantic Avenue and cable installation for PTC.

Customers can pick up a copy of the new timetables at stations and terminals, or view them on the web below:

[Babylon](#)  
[City Terminal Zone](#)  
[Far Rockaway](#)  
[Forest Hills and Kew Gardens](#)  
[Hempstead](#)  
[Long Beach](#)  
[Montauk](#)  
[Oyster Bay](#)  
[Port Jefferson](#)  
[Port Washington](#)  
[Ronkonkoma](#)  
[West Hempstead](#)

#### Many Ways to Stay Connected

Information about the planned schedule change noted in this press release, and all planned service changes, is available through the LIRR's real-time service information sources.

*myLirr.org* - Customers can see real-time positions of upcoming trains, on a smartphone-optimized map that refreshes every 3- to 5-seconds, by logging into [myLIRR.org](https://myLIRR.org), which is optimized for smartphone screens.

*MYmta app & MTA.info* – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app will see real-time travel information for the LIRR and connecting services all in one place, with push notifications when service is not operating normally. 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. The rail tab of the “Service Status” box at [new.MTA.info](https://new.MTA.info) is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute.

Email and text message service updates – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting [MyMTAAlerts.com](https://MyMTAAlerts.com). To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

*@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.