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### LIRR's July 15 Timetable Changes Allow for LIRR Systemwide Summer Track Work

#### *Crews to Work on LIRR Expansion Project, Continue to Upgrade Ties on Ronkonkoma Branch, Resurface Babylon Branch, Renew Lynbrook Station*

Crews will be busy at work throughout the Long Island Rail Road this summer making infrastructure upgrades that will enable the railroad to improve service and ensure long-term service reliability. As a result of the work, the Long Island Rail Road is advising customers that new timetables go into effect July 15 with some changes lasting for seven weeks through September 2.

- On the Main Line between Floral Park and New Hyde Park, and between Carle Place and Hicksville, crews will continue to aggressively pursue track and infrastructure improvements that are part of the LIRR Expansion Project and will require tracks to periodically be taken out of service.
- On the Ronkonkoma Branch, crews will continue to install concrete ties, which are more reliable than the old wooden ties and will have a longer lifespan. Work began May 20 between Farmingdale and Wyandanch, and is now shifting to the area between Deer Park and Brentwood.
- On the Babylon Branch, crews will resurface track between Rockville Centre and Freeport, 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/>

All of this work coincides with the continuation of the ongoing phase of the Amtrak's Penn Station State of Good Repair Work, which went into effect in late June, where Amtrak crews are rebuilding tracks 14, 15 and 16 and switches east of these platforms.

Because of this important work, these temporary service changes will be in effect.

#### **Ronkonkoma Branch**

On weekdays, some Ronkonkoma Branch peak trains, as well as most midday and overnight trains will depart between 22 minutes earlier and 36 minutes later. On weekends, some trains in the overnight/early morning hours will depart between 20 minutes earlier and 25 minutes later. Passengers at Deer Park and Brentwood will need to be on the south platform (Platform B) in order to board all trains in both directions during this period. The same will be true for some mid-day trains at Wyandanch at some points over this period as well. Platform changes will be announced by audio announcement and digital signs.

#### **Port Jefferson Branch**

On weekdays between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., service to/from Port Jefferson will operate every two hours instead of every 90 minutes. Midday Huntington trains will depart up to 21 minutes later. Some overnight weekend Huntington trains will depart between 10 minutes earlier and 8 minutes later in both directions.

#### **Babylon Branch & Montauk Branch**

Most midday Babylon Branch trains will depart between 10 minutes earlier and 6 minutes later, with connecting Montauk Branch trains adjusted accordingly. Overnight, some Babylon Branch trains will depart between 11 minutes earlier and 6 minutes later, with connecting Montauk Branch trains adjusted accordingly.

#### **Long Beach Branch & West Hempstead Branch**

Westbound midday Long Beach Branch and West Hempstead Branch trains will depart 2 minutes earlier to ensure connections.

#### **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, 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 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. 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.