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### LIRR to Renew South Oyster Bay Road Crossing in Hicksville, Improving Safety and Reliability Along the Main Line

***Some Trains on Saturday, March 23, and Again on Saturday, March 30, Will Run on Adjusted Schedules and May Have Affected Connections; the LIRR Urges Customers to Review Special Timetables***

MTA Long Island Rail Road crews will perform important infrastructure rehabilitation by replacing the railroad crossing at South Oyster Bay Road in Hicksville this month.

LIRR engineering crews, including track, signal and third rail specialists, will proactively replace components at the crossing on Saturday, March 23, and Saturday, March 30, which will help prevent issues from occurring during train operation, and provide a smooth crossing surface for vehicular traffic.

On these Saturdays, starting at 1:17 a.m. and ending at 1:13 a.m. on Sunday, one of two tracks will be out of service between Hicksville and Wyandanch to allow for the work to take place. On these days, some trains on the Port Jefferson Branch and Ronkonkoma Branch trains will run on adjusted schedules, with affected connections on other branches.

Please refer to special timetables by branch for specific train schedules:

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

#### 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:

**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.

**myLIRR.org** – Customers can see real-time positions of upcoming trains in real time, on a smartphone-optimized map that refreshes every 3- to 5-seconds, by logging into [myLIRR.org](#).

**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.

**MTA.info** – “Service Status” on the homepage of [new.mta.info](#), and 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.

