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LIRR Announces Timetable Changes Effective Nov. 9 to Address Fall Leaf Season, Trackwork and Main Line Expansion Project

MTA Long Island Rail Road today announced new timetables will go into effect Nov. 9 as crews make improvements across the system, resulting in some peak and off-peak schedule adjustments.

Along with improvements related to track resurfacing and station renovation, crews will continue work on the [Main Line Expansion](#) and interlocking improvements.

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 morning peak trains will operate on slightly adjusted schedules east of Hicksville. Trains will arrive at western terminals at their normal times.

- The 5:25 a.m. train from Greenport to Ronkonkoma will depart three minutes earlier.
- The 7:51 a.m. westbound train from Farmingdale to Penn Station will depart two minutes earlier at 7:49 a.m., departing earlier from stations through Bethpage.
- The 7:32 a.m. westbound train from Ronkonkoma to Penn Station will depart three minutes earlier at 7:29 a.m., departing earlier from stations through Farmingdale.

Weekday Off-Peak and Weekend Changes

On the **Ronkonkoma Branch**, crews will be performing essential work related to the Main Line Expansion, taking one track out of service at select times and locations.

During mid-days on weekdays, some **Ronkonkoma Branch** trains will depart between 21 minutes earlier and 52 minutes later, with connecting Riverhead/Greenport trains adjusted accordingly. Additionally, some **Port Jefferson Branch** trains will depart Huntington up to 21 minutes earlier, with trains from Port Jefferson adjusted accordingly.

During overnights, some **Ronkonkoma Branch** and **Port Jefferson Branch** trains will depart between 24 minutes earlier and 10 minutes later in both directions, with Jamaica connections adjusted accordingly.

On weekends, some **Ronkonkoma Branch** trains will depart between six minutes earlier and 14 minutes later, with connecting Greenport trains adjusted accordingly. Additionally, most eastbound Huntington trains are adjusted up to 15 minutes later, with **Port Jefferson Branch** trains adjusted accordingly.

The Friday-only 3:13 p.m. **Far Rockaway Branch** train from Jamaica to Far Rockaway will resume operation for the winter starting Friday, Nov. 13. In response to customer requests, a 3:21 p.m. Rosedale stop is being added to this train. Connecting service departs Penn Station at 2:51 p.m. and Atlantic Terminal at 2:35 p.m.

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

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

LIRR TrainTime app - The LIRR encourages customers to download and use the newly revamped LIRR TrainTime app, the best source of real-time train information including where a particular train is currently located, track assignments, seating capacity, schedules, and a host of other helpful tools, including push notifications, to help plan your trip safely. The app is available for free on both iOS and Android devices.

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

Social Media – Twitter users can follow [@LIRR](https://twitter.com/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.