


Staff Summary



Subject SUMMER SERVICE & TRACKWORK PROGRAMS						Date May 8, 2023			
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PURPOSE:

This is to inform the Long Island Committee of the MTA Long Island Rail Road’s plan to implement seasonal summer service improvements, and to adjust schedules to support trackwork programs and special events.

SUMMER SERVICE CHANGES

Annual Summer Service Schedule Adjustments

- While summer service partially resumed on April 29th with the seasonal restoration of one additional weekend roundtrip to Montauk and two additional weekend Ronkonkoma-Greenport roundtrips, additional summer service will begin May 25th. Key changes include:
 - Extra Friday getaway trains, including the famed *Cannonball* which will operate as a limited-stop express train to Montauk, along with two additional extra trains to Montauk, and one additional train to Greenport. On Thursdays, one additional train will operate to Montauk.
 - On Fridays, one extra train will operate to Patchogue making stops at Bay Shore and Sayville in advance of a Montauk train.
 - Five additional westbound service opportunities from the Hamptons/Montauk on Sundays and Holidays, including the westbound *Cannonball* to Penn Station.
 - One additional westbound service opportunity on Monday mornings from Montauk to Hunterspoint Avenue. This additional train will also operate on Tuesday, May 30th, Tuesday, June 20th, Tuesday, September 5th, and Wednesday July 5th.
 - One extra weekend beach roundtrip between Penn Station and Long Beach.
 - Weekend Freeport extra trains will operate.

SPECIAL EVENT PROGRAM

(Short-term event requiring a special program)

- **Belmont Stakes Race – Belmont Park, June 10, 2023** – The Belmont Stakes, the third race in the series that makes up racing’s famed “Triple Crown,” takes place on Saturday, June 10, at Belmont Park. The LIRR will run extra trains in each direction to serve patrons of the event, taking cars off the road and making for a great day out for horse racing fans. In order to accommodate the staging and operation of these extra trains, some service changes on our Hempstead Branch are necessary. Hempstead Branch service will be reduced from hourly to two-hourly on the afternoon and evening of June 10 to allow single track operation on the branch, with the other track used for the staging of Belmont Stakes trains. Similarly, there will be no service to Elmont-UBS Arena in either direction, and eastbound train service at Hollis, Queens Village and Bellerose will be replaced with buses during this time frame as the eastbound local track will be used for Belmont Stakes operations.

TRACK WORK PROGRAMS

Construction Activities (Short-term trackwork items requiring a special program)

- **Oyster Bay Branch – Crossing Renewal** – On Sunday, June 11th and Saturday, June 17th, one of two main tracks will be out of service on the Oyster Bay Branch for a period of 24 hours while track maintenance is performed at the Hillside Avenue grade crossing.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service on the Oyster Bay Branch, schedule adjustments will be required in both directions.

IMPACT ON FUNDING

Funding for these projects is contained in the Long Island Rail Road Operating and MTA Capital Program budget.