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New LIRR Timetables Go Into Effect Tuesday, Sept. 6

New LIRR schedules take effect on the day after Labor Day. On weekdays, track work on the Port Washington Branch will result in midday Off-Peak trains departing up to 7 minutes earlier than current times. In addition, track work requires slight adjustments to weekday, Off-Peak departure and arrival times on the Long Beach and Ronkonkoma branches. On weekends, look for changes on the Huntington/Port Jefferson, Ronkonkoma and Montauk branches, the result of Hicksville Station construction work, switch replacement near Bethpage Station and ongoing Double Track work.

Port Washington Branch

One of two main tracks of the Port Washington Branch will be out of service midday weekdays for the installation of new mechanized ties between Bayside and Great Neck.

Eastbound

- 12 midday trains are adjusted between 5 and 7 minutes earlier than normal.

Westbound

- 12 midday are adjusted between 3 and 5 minutes earlier than normal.

Main Line (Ronkonkoma, Port Jefferson & Montauk Branches)

Track 3 at Hicksville Station will be out of service on weekends through November 14.

- Three eastbound Ronkonkoma trains that provide intervals of half-hourly service will be adjusted 10 minutes later.
- Several other Ronkonkoma Branch, Port Jefferson Branch and Montauk Branch trains will have 1-to-2 minute enroute adjustments to their schedules.

Switch Replacement at Beth Interlocking

Saturday and Sunday, September 17-18

For 48 hours beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, the LIRR will be replacing switches at Beth Interlocking, which connects the LIRR's Central Branch to the Main Line south of Bethpage Station. The work will affect trains on the **Ronkonkoma Branch** because one of two Main Line tracks will be out of service between Hicksville and Farmingdale.

Ronkonkoma Branch

Eastbound

- Three half-hourly eastbound trains will be cancelled.

Westbound

- Three half-hourly westbound trains will be cancelled and most remaining westbound trains will operate 30 minutes later than usual as will connecting trains from Greenport. Ronkonkoma Branch customers can use trains 30 minutes earlier or 30 minutes later.

Overnight

- Two overnight trains will operate between 8 minutes earlier and 23 minutes later.

Switch Replacement at Beth Interlocking/Double Track Construction

Saturday and Sunday, September 24-25

The Beth Interlocking Switch Replacement Project resumes with the changes described above repeating on this second weekend of work. In addition, construction on the LIRR's Main Line Double Track Project will be performed. These two projects will impact the following branches:

Ronkonkoma Branch**Eastbound**

Customers traveling to stations Pinelawn through Ronkonkoma will board buses at Hicksville for their station. Eastbound customers can expect up to 44 minutes additional travel time.

Westbound

Customers traveling from stations Ronkonkoma through Pinelawn will board buses at their station for Hicksville, where they will transfer to train service. Westbound buses will depart up to 44 minutes earlier than normal train service in order to connect with trains at Hicksville.

Bethpage and Farmingdale Stations

Customers will have normal train service in both directions for the first 40 hours of the program. But during the final eight hours of work on Sunday, September 25, from approximately 4 p.m. through 12 a.m., both Main Line tracks between Hicksville and Farmingdale will be out of service to allow completion of the switch installations. During this period, Ronkonkoma Branch trains will originate and terminate in Hicksville instead of Farmingdale, and Bethpage and Farmingdale customers will be provided with bus service instead of train service.

Montauk Branch

During the Double Track outage some Montauk trains will be rerouted via the Babylon/Montauk Branch and will arrive at Jamaica up to 14 minutes later.

For More Information

Customers can pick copies of the new timetables for the period September 6 thru November 14, at all LIRR terminals and train stations or view them online at www.mta.info or by downloading the LIRR's official app for schedules and real-time train status: LIRRTIME™. The app is available via the Apple Store for iOS devices or Google Play Store for Android along with MTA eTix™ - LIRR's mobile ticketing app which allows customers to buy LIRR tickets on their mobile device -- anytime, anywhere. For more information, customers can also contact the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and say: Long Island Rail Road. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.