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### Track Work This Weekend Means Revised Train Schedules & Longer Travel Times for Babylon & Montauk Branches

#### *Allow Plenty of Extra Travel Time or Consider Using LIRR Main Line Branches*

Scheduled track work on the Babylon and Montauk Branches this coming weekend Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6 will mean significant service changes on those branches and at several other locations as the LIRR undertakes a switch replacement project in Freeport and concrete tie installation between Babylon and Speonk.

Babylon Branch service will be reduced from half-hourly to hourly for the entire weekend, buses will replace trains between Rockville Centre and Wantagh starting at 5 p.m. Sunday, November 6 until 1 a.m. Monday and buses will replace trains on the Montauk Branch between Speonk and Babylon. Eastbound service to Forest Hills and Kew Gardens in Queens be reduced from half-hourly to hourly as well. The project will also result in service adjustments at St. Albans Station on the West Hempstead Branch. In all, the service changes are expected to impact 26,000 customers over the two days.

#### Consult Special Branch Timetables

For specific train times, customers should consult the Special Branch Timetables for the Babylon, Montauk and West Hempstead branches and the Special Timecards for Forest Hills/Kew Gardens service at <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/> or pick up printed copies at terminals and branch stations.

#### Travel Main Line Branches Instead

To avoid the busing and longer travel time, customers on the affected branches should consider using the LIRR's Main Line branches such as the Ronkonkoma Branch or Huntington-Port Jefferson Branch instead.

Here is a summary of the key service changes.

#### Weekend of Saturday, Nov. 5 & Sunday, Nov. 6

##### Montauk Branch

##### Westbound

- Customers traveling from stations Speonk through Bay Shore will board buses at their station for travel to Babylon where train service will resume to points west. Expect up to 37 minutes of additional travel time.
- Customers boarding at station Montauk through Speonk will board an express bus at Speonk for travel to Babylon where train service will resume to points west.

##### Eastbound

- Customers will transfer to buses at Babylon for travel to stations Bay Shore through Speonk. Expect up to 37 minutes of additional travel time.
- Customers traveling to stations east of Speonk will travel by train to Babylon and change there for express bus service to Speonk where trains service will resume to points east.

##### Babylon Branch

- Service between Babylon and Penn Station is reduced from half-hourly to hourly.
- Buses will replace trains between Rockville Centre and Wantagh starting at 5 p.m. Sunday, November 6 until 1 a.m. on Monday.
- Please plan for 45 minutes of additional travel time.
- Some trains will depart up to 15 minutes later than usual.
- The westbound 12:57 a.m. train from Babylon will depart 14 minutes earlier than usual.

##### Forest Hills/Kew Gardens Stations

Eastbound train service at Forest Hills and Kew Gardens will be reduced from half-hourly to hourly. For specific service changes consult the Special

Weekend Timecards for each branch and station.

**West Hempstead Branch/St. Albans Station**

Weekend trains to and from St. Albans will depart up to 30 minutes later than usual train time. For specific service changes consult the Special Weekend Timecards for each branch and station.

**For Additional Information**

For train schedules and real-time train status, customers should download [LIRRTain Time™](#), the Railroad's official app 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. Customers can also sign up for LIRR Service Alerts via text or email by registering at [www.mymtaalerts.com](http://www.mymtaalerts.com). Assistance is also available from the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: 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.