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### Main Line Track Work Saturday & Sunday, October 8-9, Means Revised Schedules for Eight LIRR Branches

***Oyster Bay, Huntington/Port Jeff & Ronkonkoma Branches Most Affected; See Special Weekend Timetables; Consider Using South Shore Branches as Alternate***

Revised train schedules will be in effect over the weekend of Saturday, October 8, and Sunday, October 9, on eight of the Long Island Rail Road's 11 branches, impacting thousands of customers using the Oyster Bay, Huntington/Port Jefferson, Ronkonkoma, Montauk, Babylon, Far Rockaway, Long Beach and West Hempstead branches as the LIRR performs track work at a busy Main Line intersection in Mineola.

Service on the Main Line branches - Port Jefferson, Ronkonkoma and Oyster Bay - are the most affected. But there are some changes in Montauk, Babylon, Far Rockaway, Long Beach and West Hempstead branch weekend timetables as well.

For the specifics, customers should consult the special branch timetables or timetable cards for all eight branches at <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/> or pick up copies at any LIRR terminal or branch station. Allow for plenty of extra travel time if using any of the eight affected branches and some customers should consider using the LIRR's South Shore branches as an alternative means of travel as a way to avoid delays.

The LIRR will be resurfacing an area of track on the Main Line known as Nassau Interlocking, the junction where the Oyster Bay Branch joins the Port Jefferson, Ronkonkoma and Montauk branches. The work will be done in two phases. The first phase on Saturday requires a complete shutdown of the Oyster Bay Branch with bus service substituting for trains. It will also result in one of two Main Line tracks being taken out of service, which will affect service on the Port Jefferson, Ronkonkoma, and Montauk Branch trains. On Sunday, service resumes on the Oyster Bay Branch, but the project continues to impact Oyster Bay, Port Jefferson and Ronkonkoma train schedules as one Main Line track remains out of service.

Here is a summary of the key service changes by branch for Saturday, October 8, followed by the changes scheduled for Sunday, October 9.

#### Saturday, October 8, 2016

##### Oyster Bay Branch

###### Westbound

- Buses and vans will replace trains on Saturday only with customers boarding at stations Oyster Bay through East Williston up to 17 minutes later than normal for travel to Mineola where train service will resume. They will arrive at their destination 30 minutes later than usual.

###### Eastbound

- On Saturday only, customers will board a Ronkonkoma or Huntington train up to 3 minutes earlier than normal for Mineola where bus or van service will be provided to stations East Williston through Oyster Bay. Customers will arrive up to 36 minutes later than normal.

##### Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch

###### Westbound

- Service from Port Jefferson to Huntington will be reduced to one train every two hours instead of the normal 90 minutes intervals.
- Service between Huntington and Penn Station will be reduced to hourly instead of normal half-hourly service.
- Huntington trains will make all local stops from New Hyde Park to Huntington.

###### Eastbound

- Service to Huntington is reduced from half-hourly to hourly.
- Huntington trains will make all local stops from New Hyde Park to Huntington.
- Service between Huntington and Port Jefferson will be reduced to two hourly service from regular 90 minute intervals.

##### Ronkonkoma Branch

**Westbound**

- The 10:05 a.m., 11:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. trains to Penn Station are canceled. Customers can use alternate trains departing 30 minutes earlier or 30 minutes later.

**Eastbound**

- The 4:43 p.m., 5:43 p.m. and 6:43 p.m. trains from Penn Station to Ronkonkoma are canceled. Customers are advised to take Ronkonkoma trains leaving Penn 30 minutes earlier or 30 minutes later.

**Montauk, Babylon, Far Rockaway, Long Beach & West Hempstead Branches**

Some trains on these branches have adjusted starting times or revised connecting times to other trains or both. Customers should refer to Weekend Track Work Special Timetable for the branch information they need.

**Sunday, October 9, 2016**

**Oyster Bay Branch****Westbound**

- Oyster Bay customers will board trains up to 4 minutes later than normal for Jamaica and connect to Babylon trains for Penn Station 3 minutes later.

**Eastbound**

- Oyster Bay customers will board trains up to 13 minutes later than normal at Jamaica and arrive at Oyster Bay up to 13 minutes later than normal.

**Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch****Westbound**

- Port Jefferson Branch service is reduced to two hourly.
- Huntington train service is reduced from half-hourly to hourly.
- Huntington trains will make all local stops from New Hyde Park to Huntington.

**Eastbound**

- Huntington train service is reduced from half-hourly to hourly
- Huntington trains will make all local stops from New Hyde Park to Huntington.
- Port Jefferson Branch service is reduced to two-hourly.

**Ronkonkoma Branch****Westbound**

- The 10:05 a.m., 11:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. trains from Ronkonkoma to Penn Station are canceled. Customers should board an alternate train 30 minutes earlier or 30 minutes later.

**Eastbound**

- The 4:43 p.m., 5:43 p.m. and 6:43 p.m. trains from Penn Station to Ronkonkoma are canceled. Customers are advised to take Ronkonkoma trains leaving Penn 30 minutes earlier or 30 minutes later.

**Montauk, Babylon, Far Rockaway, Long Beach & West Hempstead Branches**

Some trains on these branches have adjusted starting times or revised connecting times to other trains or both. Customers should refer to Weekend Track Work Special Timetable for the branch information they need.

**For Additional Information**

For train schedules and real-time train status, customers should download LIRRTrain 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). Help is

also available from 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.