

Staff Summary



Subject NOVEMBER TIMETABLE CHANGE & FALL TRACKWORK PROGRAMS						Date October 5, 2023			
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PURPOSE:

This is to inform the Long Island Committee of the MTA Long Island Rail Road’s plan to adjust schedules beginning November 13, 2023, through March 3, 2024.

Projects supported during this timetable include Grand Central Madison Contractor Maintenance and Wireless Cellular Installation, Atlantic Branch Bridge Inspections, Hall Interlocking Expansion, Rail Replacement and Maintenance on the Atlantic Branch, Atlantic Tunnel Lighting, Third Rail State of Good Repair Work on the Montauk Branch, and the West Side Yard Overbuild. This timetable also includes a number of service improvements to better reflect new customer travel patterns and demand emerging following the implementation of the Grand Central Madison service plan earlier this year.

Additionally, Trackwork Programs will support Concrete Tie and Rail Replacement on the Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch, ADA Platform Reconstruction on the Montauk Branch, and Track Surfacing and Maintenance on the Port Washington Branch.

NOVEMBER 13 TIMETABLE CHANGE

Service Improvements

- Two additional through trains to Atlantic Terminal in the AM peak.
- More AM peak express service on the Port Washington Branch.
- One Babylon Branch train that normally operates on early release days only will begin to operate Monday through Friday.

Service Adjustments Within Guidelines

- **Ronkonkoma Branch** – Two lightly-patronized PM peak Ronkonkoma Branch trains eliminated.

- **Babylon Branch** – Two lightly-patronized PM peak Babylon Branch trains eliminated.
- Weekend service adjustments at Woodside, Mineola, Carle Place and Westbury.

TRACK WORK PROGRAMS

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

- **Main Line/Port Jefferson Branch – Concrete Tie and Switch Installation** – On the weekend of November 4-5, one of two main tracks between Hicksville and Cold Spring Harbor will be taken out of service while new concrete ties are installed, and the existing rail is replaced. Installing the new concrete ties will offer greater reliability versus traditional wooden ties, and a longer lifespan, thus reducing the need for future outages.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** In support of the concrete tie installation on the Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch, service adjustments will be required on the Huntington, Ronkonkoma, and Oyster Bay Branches.
- **Montauk Branch – ADA Platform Reconstruction** – On the weekend November 11-12, one of two main tracks will be taken out of service between Wantagh and Babylon to support the ADA Accessibility Project at Copiague. This work was previously cancelled on the weekend of September 23-24 due to inclement weather.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service between Wantagh and Babylon, schedule adjustments will be required in both directions on the Babylon Branch, with overall westbound service reduced from 3 trains an hour to approximately 2 trains an hour. Additionally, there will be no service in either direction at Copiague for a period of approximately 48-hours.
- **Port Washington Branch – Rail Replacement, Track Surfacing** – On Saturday, November 11th, the single main track between Great Neck and Port Washington will be taken out of service for a period of approximately 30-hours while track surfacing and maintenance are performed.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With the single main track out of service between Great Neck and Port Washington, bus service will replace train service for approximately 30-hours.

IMPACT ON FUNDING

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