

Staff Summary



Subject NOVEMBER TIMETABLE & FALL TRACKWORK PROGRAMS						Date October 9, 2024			
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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 11, 2024, through March 2, 2025.

Projects supported during this timetable include Amtrak’s East River Tunnel Rehabilitation, Grand Central Madison Contractor Maintenance, Hall Interlocking Expansion, Atlantic Tunnel Lighting, ADA Station Rehabilitation at Babylon, West Side Yard Track Construction, and Third Rail Maintenance between Syosset and Huntington.

In addition, track work programs will support ADA Station Rehabilitation at St. Albans, a Switch Installation at East New York, a Crossing Renewal near Syosset, and Track Maintenance between Riverhead and Greenport.

NOVEMBER 11 TIMETABLE CHANGE

Notable Service Changes in support of Amtrak’s East River Tunnel Rehabilitation

Over the last several timetables, the LIRR has been modifying its schedules to accommodate Amtrak’s East River Tunnel Rehabilitation project, which will shut down one of the four tubes. This timetable includes several changes to accommodate this work, the most important of which are along the Long Beach Branch. As detailed below, the timetable shifts the departure times and terminals of certain trains, however there will be no reduction in service along the branch, thanks in large part to the opening of Grand Central Madison, and travel times to Manhattan are unchanged.

- The 7:48am train from Island Park to Atlantic Terminal will now depart Island Park at 7:21am.

- Alternate westbound service is available on a 7:47am train from Island Park to Grand Central.
- Customers can transfer in Jamaica for service to Atlantic Terminal, which operates approximately every 8 minutes at this time of day.
- The 7:54am train from Long Beach to Penn Station will now depart Long Beach at 7:41am and will operate to Grand Central Madison.
 - Customers for Penn Station can transfer in Jamaica or take the 8:02am train from Long Beach, which terminates at Penn Station.
- The 8:02am from Long Beach to Penn Station will no longer make stops at Rosedale, Laurelton and Locust Manor due to schedule adjustments west of Jamaica that are needed to accommodate the planned work.
 - These stations will still be served by the 8:11 am train from Far Rockaway, 9 minutes later.
- The 8:19am train from Jamaica to Hunterspoint Avenue will no longer operate.
 - Alternate service to Hunterspoint Avenue is available on the 8:04am or 8:31am trains from Jamaica.
- One Brooklyn Shuttle train (Track 11/12) in the AM Peak will be replaced with an Atlantic Terminal train in the main body of Jamaica Station, allowing for a cross-platform transfer.

TRACK WORK PROGRAMS

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

- **Montauk Branch – ADA Station Rehabilitation – St. Albans** – On the weekend of November 2-3, and November 9-10, both main tracks on the Montauk Branch between Jamaica and Valley Stream will be out of service to support the ADA Accessibility Project at St. Albans.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With both main tracks out of service on the Montauk Branch between Jamaica and Valley Stream, bus service will replace train service to/from St. Albans for a period of 48-hours. Additionally, schedule adjustments will be required on the Babylon, Montauk, Long Beach, West Hempstead, and Far Rockaway Branches.
- **Atlantic Branch – Switch Installation – East New York** – On the weekend of November 9-10, both main tracks on the Atlantic Branch between Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal will be out of service to support a switch installation near East New York.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With both main tracks out of service on the Atlantic Branch between Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal, NYCT will cross-honor LIRR fares in both directions.
- **Port Jefferson Branch – Crossing Renewal** – On the weekend of November 16-17, one of two main tracks will be out of service between Hicksville and Cold Spring Harbor while the Syosset-Woodbury Road railroad crossing is rehabilitated.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service on the Port Jefferson Branch between Hicksville and Cold Spring Harbor, schedule adjustments will be required on the Huntington, Port Jefferson, and Ronkonkoma Branches, with connecting Greenport service adjusted accordingly.

- **Ronkonkoma/Greenport Branch** – Beginning on Monday, November 11th through Friday, November 22nd, bus service will replace all train service between Riverhead and Greenport on a 24/7 basis while track maintenance is performed.

IMPACT ON FUNDING

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