


Staff Summary



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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 for a Switch Installation in Queens Interlocking in support of the Queens Reconfiguration Project, A Signal Cutover in Mineola in support of the Main Line Expansion Project, Switch Maintenance in Valley Stream, Concrete Tie Replacement near Floral Park, and Track Maintenance near Patchogue.

TRACK WORK PROGRAMS

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

- **Main Line – Switch Installation** – On the weekend of September 24-25, all main tracks on the Main Line will be out of service between New Hyde Park and Hicksville for approximately 48 hours for a switch installation in Queens Interlocking as part of the Queens Reconfiguration Project.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:**
 - Eastbound, no MU service will operate between Penn Station and Hicksville, and two-hourly Oyster Bay Branch diesel service will operate between East Williston and Oyster Bay. For Eastbound customers from western terminals traveling to Ronkonkoma Branch stations Farmingdale through Ronkonkoma, and to Port Jefferson Branch stations Hicksville through Huntington/Port Jefferson, customers will board electric MU express service to Babylon, where they will transfer to diesel shuttle trains operating between Babylon and Hicksville via the Central Branch, then transfer at Hicksville to trains operating to either Ronkonkoma or Huntington/Port Jefferson. Eastbound Bethpage customers will board the electric MU express service to Babylon, then transfer to the diesel shuttle train, which will stop at Bethpage on its way to Hicksville.

- Westbound, no electric MU service will operate between Hicksville and Penn Station, and two-hourly Oyster Bay Branch diesel service will operate between Oyster Bay and East Williston. For Westbound customers on the Ronkonkoma Branch travelling from stations Ronkonkoma through Farmingdale, and on the Port Jefferson Branch for stations Port Jefferson/Huntington through Hicksville, customers will board trains at their station to Hicksville, where they will transfer to diesel shuttle trains operating between Hicksville and Babylon via the Central Branch, then transfer at Babylon to express trains for western terminals. Westbound Bethpage customers will board the diesel shuttle train to Babylon, then transfer at Babylon to express trains for western terminals.
 - *Extra trains will be added between New York and Babylon to connect with shuttle trains between Babylon and Hicksville.*
 - *Bus service will be provided for Mineola customers between Mineola and Hempstead for connections to and from points west.*
 - *Bus service will also be provided between Mineola and Hicksville.*
 - *Oyster Bay Branch trains will operate between Oyster Bay and East Williston, with bus service provided between Mineola and Hempstead for connections to and from points west.*
 - *There will be normal weekend service intervals on the Montauk, Long Beach, Far Rockaway, Port Washington, and West Hempstead Greenport Branches, but on adjusted schedules. Train service will operate between Ronkonkoma and Greenport, but on adjusted schedules.*
- **Main Line – Signal Cutover** – On the weekend of October 1-2, both tracks on the Oyster Bay Branch and all main tracks on the Main Line will be out of service between New Hyde Park and Hicksville for approximately 48 hours for a signal cutover in support of the Main Line Expansion Project. The Elmont Station Project will also be piggybacking this outage to perform track maintenance and track surfacing in Queens Interlocking. Following this weekend outage, the LIRR will be able to service the new Elmont Station from the Main Line in both eastbound and westbound directions for events.

- ***Temporary Service Adjustments:***

- Eastbound, no MU service will operate between Penn Station and Hicksville. For Eastbound customers from western terminals traveling to Ronkonkoma Branch stations Farmingdale through Ronkonkoma, and to Port Jefferson Branch stations Hicksville through Huntington/Port Jefferson, customers will board electric MU express service to Babylon, where they will transfer to diesel shuttle trains operating between Babylon and Hicksville via the Central Branch, then transfer at Hicksville to trains operating to either Ronkonkoma or Huntington/Port Jefferson. Eastbound Bethpage customers will board the electric MU express service to Babylon, then transfer to the diesel shuttle train, which will stop at Bethpage on its way to Hicksville.
 - Westbound, no electric MU service will operate between Hicksville and Penn Station. For Westbound customers on the Ronkonkoma Branch travelling from stations

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- *Extra trains will be added between New York and Babylon to connect with shuttle trains between Babylon and Hicksville.*
 - *Bus service will be provided for Mineola customers between Mineola and Hempstead for connections to and from points west.*
 - *Bus service will also be provided between Mineola and Hicksville.*
 - *Bus service will replace train service on the Oyster Bay Branch.*
 - *There will be normal weekend service intervals on the Montauk, Long Beach, Far Rockaway, Port Washington, and West Hempstead Greenport Branches, but on adjusted schedules. Train service will operate between Ronkonkoma and Greenport, but on adjusted schedules.*
- **Montauk Branch – Switch Replacement** – On the weekend of October 8-9, one of two main tracks on the Montauk Branch will be out of service between Valley Stream and Rockville Centre for switch maintenance.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service between Valley Stream and Rockville Centre on the Montauk Branch, bus service will replace train service on the West Hempstead Branch. Additionally, schedule adjustments will be required on both the Babylon Branch and Montauk Branches.
 - **Hempstead Branch – Concrete Tie Installation** – On the weekend of October 15-16, both main tracks on the Hempstead Branch will be out of service for approximately 48 hours 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:** On the weekend of October 15-16, buses will replace train service at Bellerose Station and also between Stewart Manor and Hempstead on the Hempstead Branch. Regularly scheduled Hempstead Branch Trains will depart Atlantic Terminal making stops at Nostrand Avenue, East New York and Jamaica. Customers for stations Hollis through Hempstead will be accommodated by Ronkonkoma trains that will make added stops at Hollis, Queens Village, Floral Park and Mineola. Hempstead Branch customers will detrain at Mineola for bus service to all stations between Stewart Manor and Hempstead. Customers at Bellerose Station will be accommodated by buses to/from Queens Village Station.

- **Montauk Branch – Track Maintenance** – On the weekend of October 22-23, all main tracks on the Montauk Branch will be out of service between Babylon and Patchogue for a period of 48 hours while track maintenance is performed.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With all main tracks out of service between Babylon and Patchogue for 48 hours, bus service will replace train service in both directions.

IMPACT ON FUNDING

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