

Staff Summary



Subject SPRING TRACKWORK PROGRAMS						Date March 6, 2025			
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PURPOSE:

This is to inform the Long Island Committee of the MTA Long Island Rail Road’s plan to temporarily adjust schedules to support a series of Switch Rehabilitations in Valley Stream, a Crossing Replacement and additional Maintenance Activities on the Montauk Branch and ADA Station Rehabilitation work at Hollis and Forest Hills.

TRACK WORK PROGRAMS

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

- **Valley Stream – Switch Rehabilitation & West Hempstead Crossing Rehabilitation** – On the weekends of March 29-30, April 5-6, and April 12-13, one of two main tracks on the Montauk Branch between Jamaica and Rockville Centre will be out of service to support a series of switch rehabilitations in the vicinity of Valley Stream as well as grade crossing rehabilitations on the West Hempstead Branch, which will take the single track of the West Hempstead Branch out of service on these weekends.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service on the Montauk Branch between Jamaica and Rockville Centre, service will be reduced to hourly in both directions between Penn Station and Babylon for the majority of these 48-hour weekends. Limited semi-express service will operate from Penn Station to connect with Patchogue and Speonk diesel service in Babylon. Additionally, bus service will

replace train service on the West Hempstead Branch for a period of 48 hours. LIRR customers should expect adjusted schedules on all Babylon/Montauk Branch trains while the switch work is being performed. Additional service will be provided to/from Montauk on Sunday, March 30th for customers travelling to Montauk for their annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

- **Montauk Branch – Crossing Replacement and Maintenance Activities** – On Saturday, April 19th, all tracks between Babylon and Montauk will be out of service for a period of 30 hours while the Snake Hollow Road crossing in Bridgehampton is replaced, Tuthill Creek Bridge timber rehabilitation occurs between Sayville and Patchogue, and other track and structural maintenance is performed between Babylon and Montauk.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With all main tracks out of service between Babylon and Montauk, bus service will replace train service for a period of 30 hours.
- **ADA Station Rehabilitation – Hollis** – The ADA Station Rehabilitation Project at Hollis is expected to resume construction activities on March 24.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** While construction is performed to support the ADA Rehabilitation Project at Hollis, select trains will bypass stops at Elmont-UBS Arena, Hollis and Queens Village during the midday/weekday period. NYCT bus will cross honor LIRR fares at Hollis and Queens Village, and customers travelling to/from Elmont-UBS Arena will be encouraged to use nearby Bellerose Station as an alternative.
- **ADA Station Rehabilitation – Forest Hills** – The ADA Station Rehabilitation Project at Forest Hills is expected to resume construction activities sometime in April.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** While construction is performed to support the ADA Rehabilitation Project at Forest Hills, select trains will bypass stops at Kew Gardens, Forest Hills and Woodside during the weekend period. NYCT subway will cross honor LIRR fares at these locations during the times that the work is being performed.

IMPACT ON FUNDING

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