# **Staff Summary**



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MAY TIMETABLE CHANGE & TRACKWORK PROGRAMS						March 31, 2025			
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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 May 19, 2025, through September 1, 2025. Projects supported during this timetable include East River Tunnel Hurricane Sandy Rehabilitation, Track Surfacing on the Port Washington Branch, Grand Central Madison Contractor Maintenance and Wireless Cellular Installation, Hall Interlocking Expansion, Rail Replacement and Maintenance on the Atlantic Branch, Atlantic Tunnel Lighting, ADA Station Rehabilitation at Babylon, Hollis and Forest Hills Stations, and West Side Yard Track Construction.

Additionally, track work programs will support signal testing east of Jamaica Station, and concrete tie installation on the West Hempstead Branch.

## **MAY 19 TIMETABLE CHANGE**

Service Improvements

• The 5:13pm train from Penn Station to Speonk, that normally operates to Montauk on summer Thursdays and Fridays, will now operate to Montauk, Monday through Friday, throughout the summer.

- Two new early morning revenue trains will operate from Jamaica to Grand Central Madison on weekdays. The trains will depart Jamaica at 5:07am, and 5:18am.
- The 7:44pm train from Penn Station to Long Beach will make an added stop at Lynbrook.
- On Sundays, two Montauk Branch trains that normally terminate in Jamaica will instead operate through to Penn Station. The 11:37am and 4:18pm trains from Montauk will operate through to Penn Station.

### Construction Activities

- Port Washington Branch, Track Surfacing One of two main tracks will be taken out of service during the midday/weekday period to support track surfacing between Mets-Willets Point station and Bayside station.
  - O **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service during the midday/weekday period, service at Mets-Willets Point, Murray Hill, Broadway, Auburndale, and Plandome will be reduced to hourly intervals. Service to/from Mets-Willets Point will be returned to normal intervals during Mets weekday afternoon games.

### TRACK WORK PROGRAMS

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

- Main Line Signal Testing and Cutover On the weekend of May 17-18, two of four main tracks will be out of service between Queens Village and Jamaica for a period of approximately 48-hours, while signal testing is performed.
  - Temporary Service Adjustments: With two of four main tracks out of service between Queens Village and Jamaica, westbound trains will bypass stops at Elmont-UBS Arena, Queens Village, and Hollis beginning at approximately 1:45am on Saturday. MTA bus will cross honor LIRR fares at Queens Village and Hollis, and customers travelling to/from Elmont-UBS Arena will be encouraged to use nearby Bellerose Station as an alternative.
- West Hempstead Branch Concrete Tie Installation On the weekends of May 3-4, and May 17-18, the single main track will be out of service between Valley Stream and West Hempstead in support of concrete tie installation and rail replacement.
  - Temporary Service Adjustments: With the single main track out of service between Valley Stream and West Hempstead, bus service will replace train service for a period of 48-hours.

# IMPACT ON FUNDING

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