
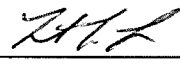
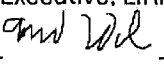
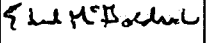

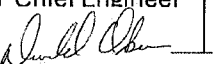


# Staff Summary



<b>Subject</b> <b>FALL TRACKWORK PROGRAMS</b>						<b>Date</b> <b>August 19, 2025</b>			
<b>Departments</b> <b>SR. VICE PRESIDENT – OPERATIONS</b>						<b>Vendor Name</b>			
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<b>Department Head Signature</b> 						<b>Contract Manager Signature</b>			
<b>Project Manager Name</b>									
<b>Board Action</b>						<b>Internal Approval</b>			
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1	LI COMM	9/29/25				1	President 	4	VP – Deputy Program Executive, LIRR BU 
						2	VP MW 	5	CTO 
						3	Chief Engineer 		

## **PURPOSE:**

This is to inform the Long Island Committee of the MTA Long Island Rail Road's plan to temporarily adjust schedules to support concrete tie and rail replacement on the West Hempstead Branch, and a series of switch installations near Ronkonkoma Station.

## **TRACK WORK PROGRAMS**

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

- **West Hempstead Branch – Concrete Tie and Rail Replacement** – On the weekends of October 4-5, October 18-19, and October 25-26, one of two main tracks on the Montauk Branch between Jamaica and Rockville Centre and also the single main track on the West Hempstead Branch will be out of service to support a series of concrete tie and rail replacements in the vicinity of Valley Stream and on the West Hempstead Branch. Installing the new concrete ties on the West Hempstead Branch will result in a smoother ride for customers, offer greater reliability versus traditional wooden ties and provide a longer lifespan, thus reducing the need for future outages.

- **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 between Valley Stream and West Hempstead for a period of 48 hours. LIRR customers should expect adjusted schedules on all Babylon/Montauk Branch trains while the work is being performed.
  
- **Ronkonkoma Branch – Switch Installations –** On the weekends of October 4-5, October 18-19, and October 25-26, one of two station tracks in Ronkonkoma will be out of service while new switches are installed and additional state of good repair infrastructure maintenance is performed to improve operational flexibility and reliability.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two station tracks out of service in Ronkonkoma, service will be reduced to hourly at Wyandanch, Deer Park, Brentwood, Central Islip and Ronkonkoma, with buses replacing all train service east of Ronkonkoma. Train service will remain at half hourly intervals to/from Farmingdale Station.

## **IMPACT ON FUNDING**

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