

# Staff Summary



Long Island Rail Road

<b>Subject</b>						<b>Date</b>			
WINTER TRACKWORK PROGRAMS						January 16, 2026			
<b>Departments</b>						<b>Vendor Name</b>			
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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 in support of signal testing in Queens Interlocking. The Queens Interlocking renewal is a multi-phased track, switch and signal project that will lead to improved operations and further state of good repair maintenance in this critical area of our network. Additional phases of this ongoing project will take place throughout this year.

## TRACK WORK PROGRAMS

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

- **Main Line – Signal Testing** - On the weekends of February 7-8, February 14-16, and February 21-22, two of four main tracks will be out of service in Queens Interlocking while signal testing is performed in advance of a signal cutover which will be performed later this year. Once complete, the improved switch configuration and modernized signal system at Queens Interlocking will add new routing options and improve operations through this vital segment of the Main Line corridor.

- **Temporary Service Adjustments:** The signal testing will require three different sequences which will take two of four main tracks out of service within Queens Interlocking.
  - On February 7-8: With two of four main tracks out of service within Queens Interlocking, bus service will replace trains service between Stewart Manor and Hempstead. There will be no service, bus or train, at Country Life Press Station.
  - On February 14-16 (Including Presidents Day): With two of four main tracks out of service within Queens Interlocking, bus service will replace train service between Stewart Manor and Hempstead. Westbound trains will bypass stops at Hollis, Queens Village, and Elmont-UBS Arena. A combination of NYCT and NICE buses will accommodate customers at these locations. There will be no service in either direction at Bellerose Station, customers are encouraged to use nearby Floral Park Station as an alternative. There will be no service, bus or train, at Country Life Press Station. Additionally, Ronkonkoma service will be reduced to hourly in both directions.
  - On February 21-22: Bus service will replace train service between Stewart Manor and Hempstead. Eastbound trains will bypass stops at Hollis, Queens Village, and Elmont-UBS Arena. A combination of NYCT and NICE buses will accommodate customers at these locations. There will be no service in either direction at Bellerose Station, customers are encouraged to use nearby Floral Park Station as an alternative. There will be no service, bus or train, at Country Life Press Station.

### **IMPACT ON FUNDING**

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