

Staff Summary



Subject WINTER TRACKWORK PROGRAMS & MARCH TIMETABLE						Date FEBRUARY 5, 2026			
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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 on March 23, 2026, through May 17, 2026.

Projects supported during this timetable to improve state of good repair and reliability include Grand Central Madison Contractor Maintenance and Wireless Cellular Installation, Amtrak East River Tunnel Rehabilitation, Rail and Crossing Maintenance between Ronkonkoma and Greenport, Track Surfacing between Carle Place and Hicksville, Hall Interlocking Expansion, Atlantic Branch Tunnel Lighting, ADA Station Rehabilitation at Babylon, Hollis and Forest Hills Stations, and West Side Yard Track Construction.

Additionally, schedules will be temporarily adjusted to support crossing renewals in Bethpage, Huntington and Greenlawn.

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will also be operating extra train service to support increased ridership for the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade, which will take place on Tuesday, March 17th.

MARCH 23 TIMETABLE CHANGE

Service Improvements

- **Trains with additional stops based on customer feedback**
 - The 10:20pm weekday train from Penn Station to Huntington will make an added stop at Floral Park.
 - The 6:48pm weekday train from Long Beach to Penn Station will make an added stop at Rosedale.
 - The 3:17pm weekday train from Penn Station to Babylon will make an added stop at Baldwin.

Notable Service Adjustments to Support Trackwork

- **Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch** – Schedules will be adjusted during the midday/weekday period as track surfacing is performed to maintain our infrastructure in a state of good repair and provide customers with a smoother, more comfortable ride. Service at Westbury will be reduced to hourly in both directions.
- **Ronkonkoma/Greenport Branch** – Bus service will replace train service between Ronkonkoma and Greenport, weekday/midday, to support state of good repair track maintenance, cross-tie replacement and grade crossing rehabilitations east of Ronkonkoma. Note: This work will commence on Monday, March 2nd.

TRACK WORK PROGRAMS

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

- **Main Line – Crossing Renewal** – On the weekends of March 7-8, and March 14-15, one of two main tracks between Hicksville and Bethpage will be taken out of service for a period of 48-hours while the Stewart Avenue crossing in Bethpage is reconstructed as part of our program to keep LIRR grade crossings in a state of good repair for the benefit of our operations and the communities we serve.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service between Hicksville and Bethpage, schedules on the Ronkonkoma/Greenport, and Montauk branches will be adjusted.
- **Port Jefferson Branch – Crossing Renewal** – On the weekend of February 28-March 1, one of two main tracks between Cold Spring Harbor and Huntington will be taken out of service for a period of 48 hours while the Oakwood Road crossing in Huntington is reconstructed as part of our program to keep LIRR grade crossings in a state of good repair for the benefit of our operations and the communities we serve.

- **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service between Cold Spring Harbor and Huntington, service at Syosset, Cold Spring Harbor and Huntington will be reduced to hourly, with Port Jefferson Branch service east of Huntington reduced to every two hours.

- **Port Jefferson Branch – Bridge Timber Replacement–** On the weekend of March 21-22, the single main track between Huntington and Port Jefferson will be taken out of service for a period of 48 hours while track ties (bridge timbers) are replaced at Stony Hollow Road Bridge in Greenlawn and other infrastructure state of good repair maintenance along the branch is performed.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With the single main track between Huntington and Port Jefferson out of service, bus service will replace all train service for a period of 48 hours.

ST. PATRICKS DAY SERVICE

- On Tuesday, March 17th, the Long Island Rail Road will operate two additional westbound trains from both the Ronkonkoma and Babylon branches for customers traveling to New York City for the St. Patrick's Day parade.

IMPACT ON FUNDING

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