

# Staff Summary



<b>Subject</b> SPRING TRACKWORK PROGRAMS						<b>Date</b> March 4, 2026			
<b>Departments</b> SR. VICE PRESIDENT – OPERATIONS						<b>Vendor Name</b>			
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1	LI COMM	3/23/26				1	President 	4	VP – Deputy Program Executive, LIRR BU 
						2	VP MW 	5	Acting CTO 
						3	Acting Chief Engineer 		

**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 switch maintenance near Far Rockaway, track maintenance between Valley Stream and Far Rockaway, and Valley Stream and West Hempstead, a bridge rehabilitation near Douglaston, a crossing renewal near Brentwood, and signal testing in Queens Interlocking. These projects will allow us to maintain a state of good repair.

**TRACK WORK PROGRAMS**

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

- **Far Rockaway Branch – Switch Maintenance** - On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, both main tracks between Valley Stream and Far Rockaway will be taken out of service while switch maintenance is performed.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With both main tracks out of service between Valley Stream and Far Rockaway, bus service will replace train service for a period of approximately 30 hours.
- **West Hempstead & Far Rockaway Branches – Track & Power Maintenance** - On the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>, LIRR Engineering forces will be performing track and

power maintenance during the midday period along the West Hempstead Branch and near Far Rockaway Station. As a result, the single main track on the West Hempstead Branch and one of two station tracks in Far Rockaway will be out of service.

- **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With the single main track on the West Hempstead Branch and one of two station tracks out of service in Far Rockaway, bus service will replace train service between Valley Stream and West Hempstead. Additionally, schedule adjustments will be required on the Far Rockaway Branch.
  
- **Port Washington Branch – Bridge Maintenance** – On the weekends of March 28-29, and April 11-12, one of two main tracks will be taken out of service between Bayside and Great Neck, while the Alley Creek bridge is rehabilitated in order to maintain this portion of our system to a state of good repair.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service between Bayside and Great Neck, schedule adjustments will be required on the Port Washington Branch in both directions for a period of approximately 48 hours.
  
- **Main Line – Crossing Renewal** – On the weekends of March 28-29, and April 11-12, one of two main tracks will be taken out of service between Wyandanch and Central Islip, while the Wicks Road crossing in Brentwood 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 Wyandanch and Central Islip, schedules on the Ronkonkoma/Greenport branch will be adjusted for a period of approximately 48 hours.
  
- **Main Line – Signal Testing** - On the weekends of April 18-19, and April 25-26, three 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 will provide enhanced routing options, additional capacity and improve OTP through this vital segment of the Main Line corridor.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With three of four main tracks out of service within Queens Interlocking, 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. Additionally, Ronkonkoma service will be reduced to hourly in both directions.

## **IMPACT ON FUNDING**

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