

# Staff Summary



<b>Subject</b> MAY TIMETABLE CHANGE & TRACKWORK PROGRAMS						<b>Date</b> April 6, 2026			
<b>Departments</b> SR. VICE PRESIDENT – OPERATIONS						<b>Vendor Name</b>			
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Board Action						Internal Approval			
Order	To	Date	Approval	Info	Other	Order	Approval	Order	Approval
1	LI COMM	4/27/26				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 adjust schedules beginning May 11, 2026, through September 7, 2026.

Projects supported during this timetable to improve state of good repair and reliability include East River Tunnel Hurricane Sandy Rehabilitation, Grand Central Madison Contractor Maintenance and Wireless Cellular Installation, Hall Interlocking Expansion, Track Surfacing on the Atlantic Branch, Concrete Coring between Atlantic Terminal and East New York, Station Rehabilitation at Babylon, Hollis, Forest Hills, Floral Park and Bellerose Stations, and West Side Yard Track Construction.

Additionally, schedules will be temporarily adjusted to support a weekend track work program on the Montauk Branch.

## **MAY 11 TIMETABLE CHANGE**

### *Service Improvements*

- Midday service between Ronkonkoma and Greenport returns to normal intervals with the conclusion of trackwork.
- Midday service at Westbury Station is returned to normal intervals with the conclusion of track surfacing.
- An additional early morning AM shoulder peak train will operate from Farmingdale to Penn Station to help relieve crowding. Beginning on May 11<sup>th</sup>, a newly implemented Main Line train will depart Farmingdale at 4:32am making stops at Bethpage, Hicksville, Westbury, Mineola, New Hyde Park, Hillside Support Facility (for employees), Jamaica, and arriving at Penn Station at 5:26am.

### *Construction Activities*

- **Atlantic Branch, Track Surfacing** – One of two main tracks will be taken out of service during the midday/weekday period between Valley Stream and Jamaica as track surfacing is performed to maintain our infrastructure in a state of good repair and provide customers with a smoother, more comfortable ride.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service during the midday/weekday period, schedule adjustments will be required on the Long Beach and Far Rockaway Branches.
- **Hempstead Branch, Floral Park and Bellerose Station Rehabilitation** – A portion of the eastbound local track between Queens Interlocking and Floral Park will be taken out of service during the midday/weekday period to begin state of good repair station rehabilitation activities at Floral Park and Bellerose Stations.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With a portion of the eastbound local track out of service during the midday/weekday period, schedule adjustments will be required on the Hempstead Branch, with residual schedule changes necessary on the Oyster Bay, Huntington/Pt. Jefferson, and Ronkonkoma Branches.
- **Atlantic Branch – Concrete Coring:** One of two main tracks will be taken out of service during the weekday/overnight period between Atlantic Terminal and East New York to perform concrete coring in support of design activities for future state of good repair work in the Atlantic Tunnel.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service during the weekday/overnight period, schedule adjustments will be required on the Jamaica to Atlantic Terminal shuttle, with overall service reduced from 3 trains an hour to 2 trains an hour.

## **TRACK WORK PROGRAMS**

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

- **Montauk Branch – Maintenance and Signal Cutover** – On the weekend of May 2-3, one of two main tracks will be out of service between Amityville and Babylon to support state of good repair track maintenance. Additionally, all tracks will be out of service between Babylon and Montauk to support a signal cutover and various track and station maintenance activities along the branch.
  - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service between Amityville and Babylon, schedule adjustments will be required on Babylon Branch trains in both directions. With all main tracks out of service between Babylon and Montauk, bus service will replace all train service between Babylon and Montauk for a period of approximately 50 hours.

## **IMPACT ON FUNDING**

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