



Long Island Rail Road

April 5, 2010

The Honorable Wayne Hall
Mayor- Village of Hempstead
99 Nichols Court
Hempstead, NY 11550

Dear Mayor Hall:

I am writing to advise you of an important trackwork and grade crossing modernization program on the Hempstead Branch representing a major investment on the part of the Long Island Rail Road to bring better service to your constituents.

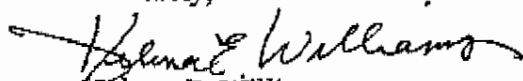
While the LIRR has tried very hard to reduce the impact the project will have on our train network, **over the weekends of April 10- 11 and April 17-18, there will be no train service on the Hempstead Branch between Hempstead and Jamaica.** We would appreciate your assistance in sharing project and travel information with your constituents, as follows:

- Buses will replace trains between Hempstead and Jamaica on the Hempstead Branch from 12:01 AM on Saturday until 11:59 PM on Sunday, during the weekends of April 10- 11 and April 17-18.
- The Franklin Avenue crossing in Garden City will be closed during the weekend of April 10-11.
- The Covert Avenue crossing in Stewart Manor will be closed during the weekend of April 17-18.
- During the work local motor vehicle traffic detours will be in place.

I have enclosed copies of a leaflet with additional details. If I can be of any other assistance, or if you would like to discuss this project, please contact Director of Government Affairs Robert Brennan at 718-558-7301.

Thank you in advance for your assistance as we move toward a more modern train operation.

Sincerely,


Helena E. Williams
President

Enclosure

Travel Tips

- Pick up special weekend timetables dated April 10-11 & 17-18

April

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

- Allow 30-45 minutes of additional travel time
- Consider taking the Babylon, Far Rockaway, Long Beach, Port Washington or West Hempstead Branches
- Buy LIRR tickets in advance
- Listen for announcements
- Leave bicycles at home. Bicycles will not be permitted on buses
- Look for LIRR personnel at key locations
- Monitor radio and TV traffic reports for updates
- Sign up for Customer E-Mail Alerts at www.mta.info/lirr

Mets Fans: To avoid busing on the weekend of April 10-11, use the Port Washington Branch or south shore branches, including the Babylon, Far Rockaway, Long Beach & West Hempstead Branches.

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Trackwork and Grade Crossing Modernization

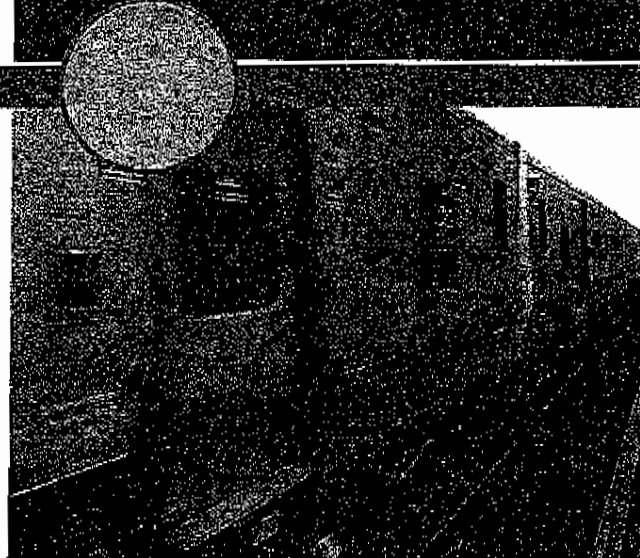
Two Consecutive Weekends
Saturday & Sunday, April 10-11
Saturday & Sunday, April 17-18

- No Train Service on Hempstead Branch
- Reduced Service to/from Huntington & Port Jefferson
- Special weekend timetables in effect for all branches (Except Port Washington)
- Allow 30-45 Minutes Extra Travel Time
- To Avoid Delays, Use South Shore Branches

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to complete these infrastructure improvements in the shortest time frame possible.

We urge you to plan ahead by reviewing this brochure, picking up special weekend timetables, linking to www.mta.info/lirr or by calling the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center at 516-822-LIRR; 631-231-LIRR or 718-217-LIRR.

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Here is what will be happening:

Hempstead, Huntington & Port Jefferson Branches Weekends of April 10-11 & 17-18

Customer Impacts

Trackwork and grade crossing modernization on the weekends of April 10-11 and April 17-18 will require two 48-hour suspensions of train service on the Hempstead Branch and less frequent service on the Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch. While the trackwork takes place, one of the four Main Line tracks through the Queens Village area will be out of service, and as a result, train service must be reduced. Reconstruction of two busy grade crossings - Franklin Avenue in Garden City (April 10-11) and Covert Avenue in Stewart Manor (April 17-18) means buses will replace Hempstead Branch trains on both weekends.

Benefits: Along with keeping this important section of track in a state of good repair, when the work is completed the thousands of daily LIRR customers who travel through the area should experience a smoother train ride.

Community Impacts

There will be a temporary increase in some noise levels due to construction activities associated with the work.

Motorists should note that weekend road closures and traffic detours will be necessary on the following dates:

April 10-11: Franklin Avenue in Garden City

April 17-18: Covert Avenue in Stewart Manor

Summary of Changes

Weekends of April 10-11 & 17-18

Hempstead Branch:

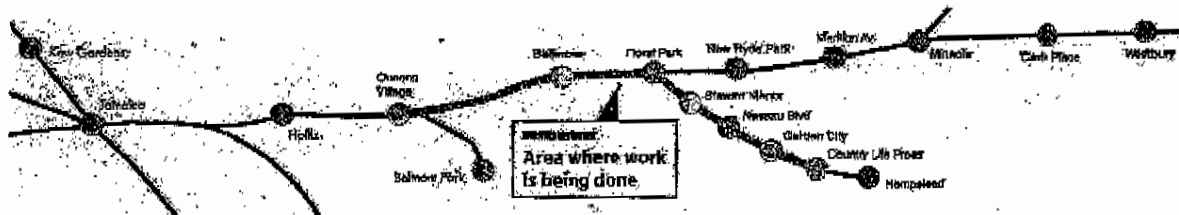
- Buses replace all trains between Hempstead and Jamaica on both entire weekends
- To avoid busing, customers can use the Babylon, Far Rockaway, Long Beach, Port Washington or West Hempstead Branches

Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch:

- Huntington - Penn Station electric trains run once per hour on both weekends, instead of every 30 minutes
- Port Jefferson/Huntington bi-level trains run once every two hours on both weekends, instead of every 90 minutes
- For more frequent service, customers can use the Babylon Branch

Plan Ahead

Please pick up a copy of the April 10-11 & 17-18 timetable for your branch. To avoid delays, LIRR customers should avoid the Main Line and instead use South Shore stations on the Babylon, Long Beach, or West Hempstead Branches. Port Washington Branch service will be unaffected and may also be used to avoid busing and delays.





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Contact Mike Charles/Sam Zambuto
(718) 558-7301 day/night

HEMPSTEAD AND PT. JEFFERSON BRANCH CUSTOMERS ADVISED TO USE OTHER BRANCHES WEEKENDS OF APRIL 10-11 & APRIL 17-18

***No Train Service on Hempstead Branch—Buses to Operate;
Reduced Pt. Jefferson/Huntington Train Service***

Grade Crossing Replacement Work on Hempstead Branch

A track work program in the Queens Village area and grade crossing renewals during the weekends of April 10-11 and April 17-18 will mean no train service on the Hempstead Branch and train service frequency will be reduced on the Port Jefferson/Huntington Branch. Customers should consider taking trains from South Shore LIRR stations (Babylon, Long Beach and West Hempstead Branches) in order to avoid delays during the two weekends.

The track surfacing work will keep this important section of track in a state of good repair, and when the work is completed, the thousands of daily LIRR customers who travel through the area should experience a smoother train ride. For this project, railroad employees using two track tamper machines will lift and align the track itself and add ballast (stones), where necessary. This helps to smooth out any bumps in the track bed and gives longer life to all track components. The tamper machines are each over 100 feet long and weigh 150 tons.

Schedule adjustments will also be made on some trains on the Babylon, Far Rockaway, Long Beach, Oyster Bay and Ronkonkoma Branches during the affected weekends to accommodate Hempstead Branch and Port Jefferson/Huntington Branch connections. These adjustments are reflected in the special weekend timetables dated April 10-11 and April 17-18.

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Hempstead Branch

Eastbound

Customers will board trains at western terminals then disembark at Jamaica for buses that will take them to their final destinations. Customers should anticipate up to 33 minutes additional travel time.

Westbound

Customers will board buses at their stations then change at Jamaica for trains to western terminals. Buses will depart up to 32 minutes earlier than scheduled train times.

Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch

Customers traveling to and from stations New Hyde Park through Huntington will have hourly train service instead of half-hourly train service. Customers traveling east of Huntington to and from Port Jefferson will have train service every two hours instead of every 90 minutes.

Grade Crossing Renewals

In addition to the track surfacing work, two grade crossings will be renewed on the affected weekends. The work includes replacing rubber panels at the crossings with longer lasting concrete. On April 10-11, the Franklin Avenue, Garden City crossing will be renewed and on April 17-18, the Covert Avenue, Stewart Manor crossing will be renewed. During the work, local motor vehicle traffic detours will be in place as detailed below:

Detour route for Franklin Ave. road closure for crossing renewal work – April 10-11

Southbound: Heading south on Franklin Avenue, proceed west on 7th Street, then proceed south on Hilton Avenue, then proceed east on 6th Street to Franklin Avenue.

Northbound: Heading north on Franklin Avenue, proceed west on 6th Street, then proceed north on Hilton Avenue, then proceed east on 7th Street to Franklin Avenue.

Detour for Covert Avenue road closure for crossing renewal work – April 17-18

Northbound: Heading north on Covert Avenue, proceed east on Salisbury Avenue, then proceed north on New Hyde Park Road, then proceed west on Stewart Avenue to Covert Avenue.

Southbound: Heading south on Covert Avenue, proceed east on Stewart Avenue then proceed south on New Hyde Park Road, then proceed west on Salisbury Avenue to Covert Avenue.

Customers should pick up a copy of the special April 10-11, April 17-18 branch timetables at their stations or at all terminals. For train schedule information customers can contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR or New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD number for hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.



Bus Directions for Franklin Avenue road closure- April 10-11 and Covert Avenue Road closure April 17-18

WESTBOUND – HEMPSTEAD TO JAMAICA LOCAL

HEMPSTEAD TO GARDEN CITY

- 1) Via: W. Columbia Street
- 2) Right N. Franklin Street (Becomes Franklin Ave)
- 3) Left Sixth Street (opposite Chestnut St)
- 4) Right into 4th driveway of station lot
- 5) Stop at station tunnel entrance

GARDEN CITY TO NASSAU BLVD

- 1) Right Sixth Street (into curved roadway near church)
- 2) Cross over (Cherry Valley Road/Rockaway Ave)
- 3) Right South Avenue (*after traffic light*)
- 4) Right Nassau Blvd (*across tracks*)
- 5) Stop *Far Side* of North Ave. (*Just past Tracks*)

NASSAU BLVD TO STEWART MANOR

- 1) Left Stewart Avenue
- 2) Left New Hyde Park Road
- 3) Right *Before tracks* turn into LIRR lot (Manor Road)
- 4) Stop opposite station building (*before Adams Street*)

STEWART MANOR TO FLORAL PARK

- 1) Right Adams St.
- 2) Right Stewart Ave
- 3) Left New Hyde Park Road
- 4) Left Jericho Turnpike
- 5) Left Tulip Ave
- 6) Bear Right Carnation Avenue (Centennial Hall Masonic Temple)
- 7) Left *before* trestle onto Caroline Place (parking lot)
- 8) Stop at north side of station building



WESTBOUND - HEMPSTEAD TO JAMAICA LOCAL

FLORAL PARK TO BELLEROSE

- 1) Via: Caroline Place
- 2) Left Tulip Avenue
- 2) Left Jericho Turnpike
- 3) Left Commonwealth Blvd (*after Triple Crown Diner*)
- 4) Into Magee Plaza Station entrance

BELLEROSE TO QUEENS VILLAGE

- 1) Via Magee Plaza,
- 2) Left Commonwealth Avenue
- 3) Left Jamaica Ave
- 4) Left Amboy Lane (Popeye's)
- 5) Stop at entrance to platform (near TVM machine)

QUEENS VILLAGE TO HOLLIS

- 1) Via Amboy Lane
- 2) Left Springfield Blvd
- 3) Left Jamaica Ave
- 4) Left 202nd Street (Due to Construction Francis Lewis Blvd)
- 5) Right 99th Ave
- 6) Stop at Near/Side 193RD St (Hollis Station)

HOLLIS TO JAMAICA

- 1) Via 99th Ave
- 2) Right Hollis Ave
- 3) Into 190th St
- 4) Quick Left on Woodhull Ave,
- 5) Left Jamaica Ave
- 6) Left 168th St
- 7) Right Archer Ave
- 8) Left Sutphin Blvd (under tracks)

SIGN CODES

9100 - LIRR SERVICE

9237 - TO JAMAICA STATION



LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD

Bus Directions for Franklin Avenue road closure- April 10-11 and Covert Avenue Road closure April 17-18

EASTBOUND - JAMAICA TO HEMPSTEAD LOCAL

JAMAICA to HOLLIS

- 1 Via: Supthin Blvd
- 2 Left Liberty Avenue
- 3 Left 168th Street
- 4 Right Jamaica Ave
- 5 Bear Right at 187th Place
- 6 Right Farmers Blvd
- 7 Left 99th Ave stop at near/side 193rd St (Hollis Station)

HOLLIS to QUEENS VILLAGE

- 1) Via: 99th Ave
- 3) Left 202nd Street (Construction instead of) Francis Lewis Blvd
- 4) Right Jamaica Ave
- 5) Right Amboy Lane (Popeye's)
- 6) Stop at station entrance (TVM Machine)

QUEENS VILLAGE TO BELLEROSE

- 1) Via Amboy Lane
- 2) Left Springfield Blvd.
- 3) Right Jamaica Avenue (becomes Jericho Turnpike)
- 4) Right Commonwealth Blvd
- 5) Go to the end, into Magee Plaza Station entrance
- 6) Stop in front of TVM Machine (station entrance)

BELLEROSE TO FLORAL PARK

- 1) Via Magee Plaza,
- 2) Left Commonwealth Blvd.
- 3) Right Jericho Turnpike
- 4) Right Tulip Avenue (Jiffy Lube)
- 5) Bear Right Carnation Avenue (Centennial Hall Masonic Temple)
- 6) Left *before* trestle onto Caroline Place (parking lot)
- 7) Stop at north side of station building



EASTBOUND – JAMAICA TO HEMPSTEAD LOCAL

FLORAL PARK TO STEWART MANOR

- 1) Via: Caroline Place
- 2) Left Tulip Avenue
- 3) Right Jericho Turnpike
- 4) Right New Hyde Park Road (Shell Gas Station)
- 5) Right ***Before*** tracks into station lot
- 6) Stop opposite station building (*before Adams St*)

STEWART MANOR TO NASSAU BLVD

- 1) Via: Station lot
- 2) Right Adams Street
- 3) Right Stewart Avenue (*beware of telephone pole*)
- 4) Right Nassau Blvd (*beware of traffic light pole*)
- 5) Stop ***Before*** tracks (near brick columns at station lot)

NASSAU BLVD TO GARDEN CITY

- 1) Move ***immediately*** into left turn lane
- 2) Left South Ave (other side of tracks)
- 3) ***bear left at fork*** to traffic light
- 4) ***Cross Straight Over*** (Cherry Valley Avenue/Rockaway Avenue)
- 5) Into Sixth Street (curved roadway near church)
- 6) Left into ***2nd driveway*** of station lot
- 7) Stop at tunnel entrance

GARDEN CITY TO HEMPSTEAD

- 1) Left Sixth Street
- 2) Right Franklin Avenue
- 3) Left Jackson Avenue (African American Museum on left)
- 4) Left Washington Street
- 5) Left W. Columbia Street
- 6) Stop In front of station building

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