

Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to update you on the progress of the MTA Long Island Rail Road's Ellison Avenue Bridge Replacement project. As you may know, Ellison Avenue Bridge was close to vehicular traffic on April 15, 2015 and construction has been underway. For safety reasons, demolition of the bridge will require a complete suspension of train service through the work zone for 48 hours. As a result, on the weekend of May 16-17, there will be no train service on the Main Line between Mineola and Hicksville.

The Suspension will impact services as follows:

- All LIRR branches will be affected though out the weekend. Train departure and arrival times will be substantially different from normal schedules.
- Buses will replace most trains between Hicksville and Mineola.
- Some trains will be diverted. For example, at certain times during the weekend Farmingdale through Ronkonkoma customers will be provided with dual-mode train service operating along the south shore on the Babylon and Central Branches. This will allow affected customers to travel to or from western terminals without changing trains or using buses.
- Train service between Port Jefferson and Huntington will operate less frequently, with trains running every two hours, as opposed to the usual 90-minute intervals.
- During daylight hours, travel time will increase as much as 44 minutes additional for Ronkonkoma Branch customers and up to an additional 40 minutes for Port Jefferson Branch customers.
- Overnight travel times will increase an additional 58 minutes for both Port Jefferson and Ronkonkoma Branch customers.

To avoid delays, customers will be advise to use alternative branches. Customer should refer to the special May 16-17 Port Jefferson/Ronkonkoma Branch Timetable, as well as the revise weekend timetable for all branches.

