

MONTHLY UPDATES FOR GARDEN CITY & GARDEN CITY PARK

October 2019

Significant progress has been made on the LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville, one of the region's most noteworthy transportation infrastructure projects. While the duration and intensity of work depends on the project element under construction, the 3rd Track Constructors team is phasing in specific project elements to reduce the amount of disruption in any given community at any given time.

During the month of October, you will see crews continuing construction activities in Garden City and Garden City Park. By way of explanation:

MERILLON AVENUE STATION ENHANCEMENT

- Significant progress has been made by the 3TC construction team on the new Merillon Avenue Station – the western halves of the platform on the north and south sides of the tracks have been rebuilt and reopened. Temporary platforms have been installed to accommodate six-car station access
- Similar to the work seen and heard during September, the construction crews, in the month of October, will:
 - Continue to excavate the area and set pre-cast footings and rebar, and pour piers
 - Following the successful completion of the work, crews will begin to build the permanent platform
- Signage will be displayed to alert commuters of the ongoing construction activities
- To board/exit trains at Merillon Avenue Station, please be prepared to board and exit all trains (westbound and eastbound) from the **first six (6) cars**
- Once this project element is completed, the new platforms will accommodate 12-car trains, instead of limited to the 10-car train lengths today

REPLACEMENT PARKING FOR MERILLON AVENUE STATION AND NASSAU BOULEVARD BRIDGE WORK

- Portions of the parking lot at Merillon Avenue Station continue to be utilized by the construction team
 - Replacement parking is provided north of Merillon Avenue Station, along Broadway, between County Courthouse Road and Herricks Road, **on the south side of the street**
 - In coordination with the Town of North Hempstead, parking restrictions will be lifted for the duration of these project activities
 - Once the bridge replacement is complete, the majority of the parking spaces will be returned to service

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NASSAU BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

- Just east of Merillon Avenue Station, work continues on the Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project, ahead of the planned reopening of Nassau Boulevard on Tuesday, Oct. 8
 - In the Merillon Avenue Station parking lot and on the northwest side of the Nassau Boulevard roadway, crews from 3TC are finishing construction on the new three-bay bridge structure
 - During the next Main Line double track outage, over the weekend of Oct. 4-7, the existing bridge will be removed and the newly built, three-bay bridge structure will be rolled in, in a similar fashion to what was done at [Cherry Lane](#)
- Replacement of the Nassau Boulevard Bridge is expected to be complete in less than three months, significantly reducing the impact on drivers, commuters, and nearby residents. To achieve this rapid timeline on such a major construction project, there will be temporary detours for drivers and pedestrians:
 - To prepare for and execute the “roll-in” of the new bridge, Nassau Boulevard is expected to close to vehicular traffic from Monday, Sept. 30 until Tuesday, Oct. 8. Pedestrian access will remain available until the FULL CLOSURE of Nassau Boulevard on Friday, Oct. 4
 - During the double track outage from Friday, Oct. 4 at 10:00 p.m. to Monday, Oct. 7 at 5:00 a.m., there will be NO PEDESTRIAN or VEHICULAR access under the Nassau Boulevard Bridge
 - There will be no weekend train service from New Hyde Park to Hicksville. Visit mta.info/lirr for more information and travel alternatives

FULL CLOSURE OF NASSAU BOULEVARD – SEPT. 30 – OCT. 8

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- Click [here](#) to view the detour map

NASSAU 1 INTERLOCKING

- The project includes substantial improvements to the Nassau 1 Interlocking, where trains switch from track-to-track at junctions or crossings
 - Work during the month of October, which will include overnight and weekend work, will feature:
 - LIRR crews working along the right-of-way to elevate the track bed to meet the new height that will come with the new Nassau Boulevard Bridge
 - LIRR work trains will deliver ballast; LIRR work trains and crews will tamp down the delivered ballast
 - During the overnight work, LIRR crews will be out in force and to maintain their safety, lights, flag personnel, and other precautions will be deployed

NEW HYDE PARK ROAD GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROJECT

- The New Hyde Park Road grade crossing in New Hyde Park and Garden City is one of eight street-level crossings to be eliminated as part of the LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville
 - The at-grade crossing is being reconstructed to feature a new, five-lane underpass with pedestrian sidewalks on the east and west sides of the underpass. There will also be a dedicated left-turn lane from southbound New Hyde Park Road to Clinch Avenue
 - Plaza Avenue west between Herkomer Street and New Hyde Park Road, will be realigned and become a two-way street, to improve traffic flow associated with the new signal being installed at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue
- This reconstructed grade crossing was designed in conjunction with the Village of New Hyde Park and the Village of Garden City and will enhance safety and provide for a quieter and more livable community along the railroad
- During the month of October, crews are continuing work on this project element
 - Soldier piles on New Hyde Park Road are being drilled to support the formation of the retaining wall required for excavation
 - Sections of soldier piles are installed by vibratory hammers, in sequence, forming the wall for earth support
 - This activity may require intermittent changes to the traffic patterns along New Hyde Park Road

NEW HYDE PARK ROAD TRAFFIC ALTERATION

- As a result of feedback from emergency service personnel and elected officials in New Hyde Park and Garden City/Garden City Park, traffic along New Hyde Park Road, south of the tracks, will be modified
- A barrier is installed at the intersection with Clinch Avenue
 - In consultation with elected officials from New Hyde Park, for vehicles traveling northbound on New Hyde Park Road, at the intersection with Fourth Avenue, please note the new Don't Block the Box signage
 - For vehicles traveling southbound on New Hyde Park Road, the new barrier prevents left turns onto southbound Clinch Avenue
 - For vehicles traveling northbound on Clinch Avenue, the new barrier prevents left turns onto southbound New Hyde Park Road
- Signage is in place in and around the intersection to ensure driver and pedestrian safety

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WALL CONSTRUCTION

- As part of 3TC's commitment to the community, the installation of retaining and sound walls will improve the quality of life for residents living near and around the LIRR tracks
- Significant progress has been made by the 3TC construction team on the installation of retaining and sound walls in the Garden City community, from New Hyde Park Road to Herricks Road along the right-of-way on the north and south sides of the tracks:
 - Crews will finish the installation of a sound wall parallel to the retaining wall from Nassau Boulevard to Herricks Road.
 - Crews will continue to reinforce or install wall sections, on top of the existing retaining wall, along the north of the tracks. Once completed these sections will have a new security fence.
 - In coordination with the Village of Garden City, certain sections of the sound wall will be increased in height

LIRR WORK ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY

- In addition and complementary to 3TC's activities, you may see or hear LIRR forces working along the railroad right-of-way. These activities may include:
 - Regular track inspection and maintenance; Rail tie replacement; Grade crossing elimination preparatory work
- To avoid LIRR service interruptions during peak commuting hours, LIRR work along the railroad right-of-way may take place overnight and on weekends
- We recognize that these activities may be disruptive and we remain committed to seeing the work completed in as short of a time frame as possible, all while maintaining safe and reliable operations
- For more information, visit the [post](#) in the Community News section of LIRRExpansion.com

LIRR STATION ACCESS AND SERVICE CHANGES

- There will be no weekend train service from New Hyde Park to Hicksville from Friday, Oct. 4 at 10:00 p.m. to Monday, Oct. 7 at 5:00 a.m. For up-to-date service changes and/or changes to station access, please visit www.MTA.info/LIRR

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