

LIRR 3rd Track Update March 2019

Construction work in the Garden City-Garden City Park area starts this month. While some utility relocation has been taking place at New Hyde Park Road and elsewhere, and railroad tie replacement has been ongoing, the first major work will happen at Merillon Station.

During construction, Merillon Station will remain open and the train schedule will not change, except for brief periods required by the construction process. The north LIRR station parking lot will remain open during construction and permit parking spaces along Main Avenue will remain available.

Half of Merillon Station's platforms are scheduled to close March 18. Beginning next Monday (March 18), the western half of both the north and south side platforms at Merillon Station will be closed. The only access point that will be closed will be Main Ave. at Roxbury Road. During platform reconstruction, customers must board and exit trains from the first six cars only at Merillon Station.

Nassau Boulevard will also remain open during reconstruction of Merillon Station. Other than short-term closures, the Nassau Blvd bridge will remain open while it is reconstructed. Bridge work is scheduled to begin May 2019 and conclude October 2019.

Here is a general timeline of upcoming Merillon Station work:

- Winter-Spring 2019: Rail tie replacement
- March-April 2019: Utilities relocated throughout project zone
- March 18, 2019: Western half of north and south platforms closed
- April-May 2019: Half of north and south platforms demolished
- May-September 2019: Relocation and reconstruction of western end of platforms
- October 2019: Eastern half of north and south platforms closed
- June 2020: Completion and full re-opening of station

The last major improvements to Merillon Station took place 60 years ago -- essentially a new station in a "traditional" aesthetic, with enhanced waiting areas, elevators on both the north and south sides, and considerable landscaping, will be built. Station platforms will be lengthened to accommodate 12 cars instead of the current 10 cars.

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