

August 2019

## GARDEN CITY & GARDEN CITY PARK

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 August, you will see crews continuing construction activities in Garden City and Garden City Park. By way of explanation:

### 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 August, 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

### 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 that were removed in June and July have been rebuilt and will reopen on August 12
- Once the western halves of the platform are reopened, the team will begin the process of removing the eastern halves of the platform on the north and south sides of the tracks so that they may be rebuilt
- The new platforms will accommodate 12-car trains, instead of limited to the 10-car train lengths today
- Similar to the work seen and heard during July, the construction crews, in the month of August, will:
  - Set rebar and pour piers on the eastern halves of the north and south side platform
  - Install platform panels and rub boards – boards along the platform edge
  - Install tactile warning strips
  - Install temporary lighting, speakers, and cameras
- 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](#)

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## Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project

- Just east of Merillon Avenue Station, work on the Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project began in July:
  - The Nassau Boulevard Bridge, a low-hanging bridge, has been the site of many accidents over the years, resulting in train delays in both directions while LIRR crews worked to determine the bridge's safety and structural stability before restoring train service
  - Slated to be removed and replaced with a three-track structure, the Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project is expected to be complete at the end of October 2019
  - The Nassau Boulevard Bridge is one of seven bridges along the LIRR Main Line that is being modified. On June 2, the Cherry Lane Bridge in Carle Place was replaced in a similar fashion and along a similar timeline. (You can see photos from the installation [here](#))
  - Replacing this bridge is an important component of the LIRR Expansion Project. While the underpass will remain two lanes, the track bed will be enlarged to allow for future placement of a third track south of the two existing tracks. The bridge opening (height) will also be increased by about 2 1/2 feet to the state required 14-foot height
  - **During the month of August, work will intensify and will include early morning and weekend work**
  - Traffic along Nassau Boulevard will be impacted:
    - Through Friday, August 2, during daytime working hours, flaggers and signage will direct drivers to proceed north and south in an alternating fashion along one open lane of Nassau Boulevard
    - Beginning Monday, August 5, and continuing for approximately five weeks, Nassau Boulevard will be limited to a single, southbound lane
    - At least one pedestrian sidewalk under the bridge is scheduled to be available during the construction period
    - As this will be an active construction area, these partial road closures are essential to ensuring the safety of drivers, pedestrians and workers
    - In coordination with Village officials, the LIRR Expansion Project team developed a traffic management plan that will guide drivers to use alternate routes

## Replacement Parking for Merillon Avenue Station and Nassau Boulevard Bridge Work

- Beginning August 5<sup>th</sup> and for the duration of the two construction activities, portions of the parking at Merillon Avenue Station will be utilized by the construction team
  - Replacement parking will be 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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## 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
  - From Denton Avenue to Nassau Boulevard:
    - Support of excavation work will begin, in advance of the construction of a retaining wall, along the south side of the tracks
    - Crews will also begin installation of a ground-mounted sound wall parallel to the retaining wall
  - From Nassau Boulevard to Herricks Road:
    - Crews will continue to install wall sections, on top of the existing retaining wall, along the north of the tracks

## LIRR Work along the Railroad 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

- For up-to-date service changes and/or changes to station access, please visit [www.MTA.info/LIRR](http://www.MTA.info/LIRR)

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