

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

Long Island Rail Road Double Track Project – Phase 1



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The MTA Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) strives to be a good neighbor in the communities we serve by keeping property owners informed of important infrastructure improvements.

## “Two Tracks Are Better Than One”

The LIRR Main Line Double Track Project between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma will improve service and reliability on the LIRR's Ronkonkoma Branch, spur local economic activity, provide hundreds of construction jobs and improve LIRR service to Long Island MacArthur Airport.

### Project Benefits:

- The Double Track Project will add a second track to 12.6 miles of the mostly single track route that currently exists between Farmingdale to Ronkonkoma.
- Benefit new residential and commercial development around Train Stations.
  - Projects under development include: Wyandanch, Deer Park, Ronkonkoma
  - Supports redevelopment of village centers and areas around existing LIRR stations
- Service Enhancements:
  - Allows for Half-Hourly, Off-Peak Service in both directions
  - More choices for those who commute between stations on Long Island
  - Better train service to/from Long Island MacArthur Airport
  - Increased Reverse Peak Service

## Construction Status

- The construction of retaining walls and roadbed preparation for track installation between Ronkonkoma and Central Islip has been completed.
- LIRR forces have begun laying track at the east end of the project near Ocean Ave in Ronkonkoma.
- The next phase of work includes track laying and railroad utility installations (signal, traction power and communications).
- New grade crossing installation is progressing.
- Completion of the entire Double Track Project is forecast for late 2018.

## Community Impacts

There will be Double Track Project construction and track maintenance work taking place during the weekends of August 13-14 and August 20-21. Train service will be suspended and there will be busing provided between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma for this work.

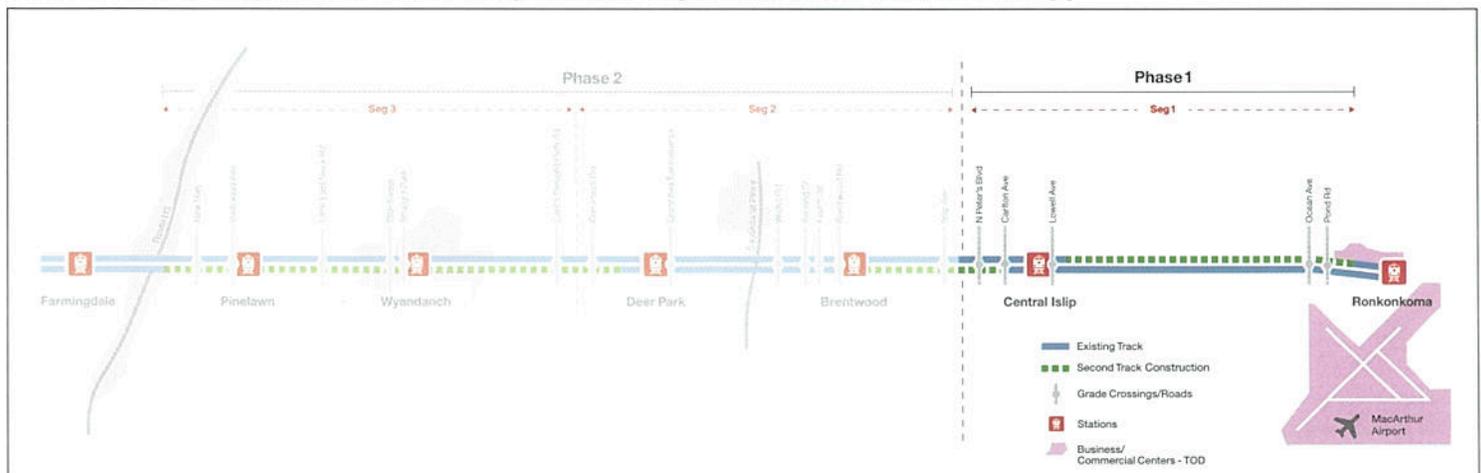
- Starting on Saturday, August 13, 2016, a New Track Construction (NTC) machine will begin laying track in the vicinity of Ocean Ave in Ronkonkoma. Mechanized track laying will proceed west towards Central Islip and will be completed by Tuesday, August 16, 2016 or Wednesday, August 17, 2016. Work hours will be from 6AM to 6PM each day. Please note that no work is expected for Sunday, August 14, 2016.
- The temporary access gate on Sycamore Ave will be used to bring equipment to and from the LIRR right of way (ROW).
- In the months following track laying, the LIRR will install ballast, raise, level and align the track into the final location. This work will take place between 7AM and 3PM on weekdays.

## Road Closures/Grade Crossings

- During the weekend of August 13-14, the Carleton Ave grade crossing will be closed for approximately 52 hours for installation of a new crossing
- During the weekend of August 20-21, Peters Boulevard and Straight Path RD grade crossings will be closed for approximately 52 hours for installation of new crossings.
- During the weekend of October 1-2, the Ocean Ave grade crossing will be closed for approximately 52 hours for installation of a new crossing.
- Notifications and detour routes will be sent out to local emergency responders in advance.

For more information, please visit [mta.info/lirr/doubletrack](http://mta.info/lirr/doubletrack) or contact: Hector Garcia [hgarci@lirr.org](mailto:hgarci@lirr.org) / 718-558-7301

## Double Track Project Overview Map: Phase 1 (see back for detailed map)



# Detailed Double Track Project Map: Phase 1 (west to east)

