



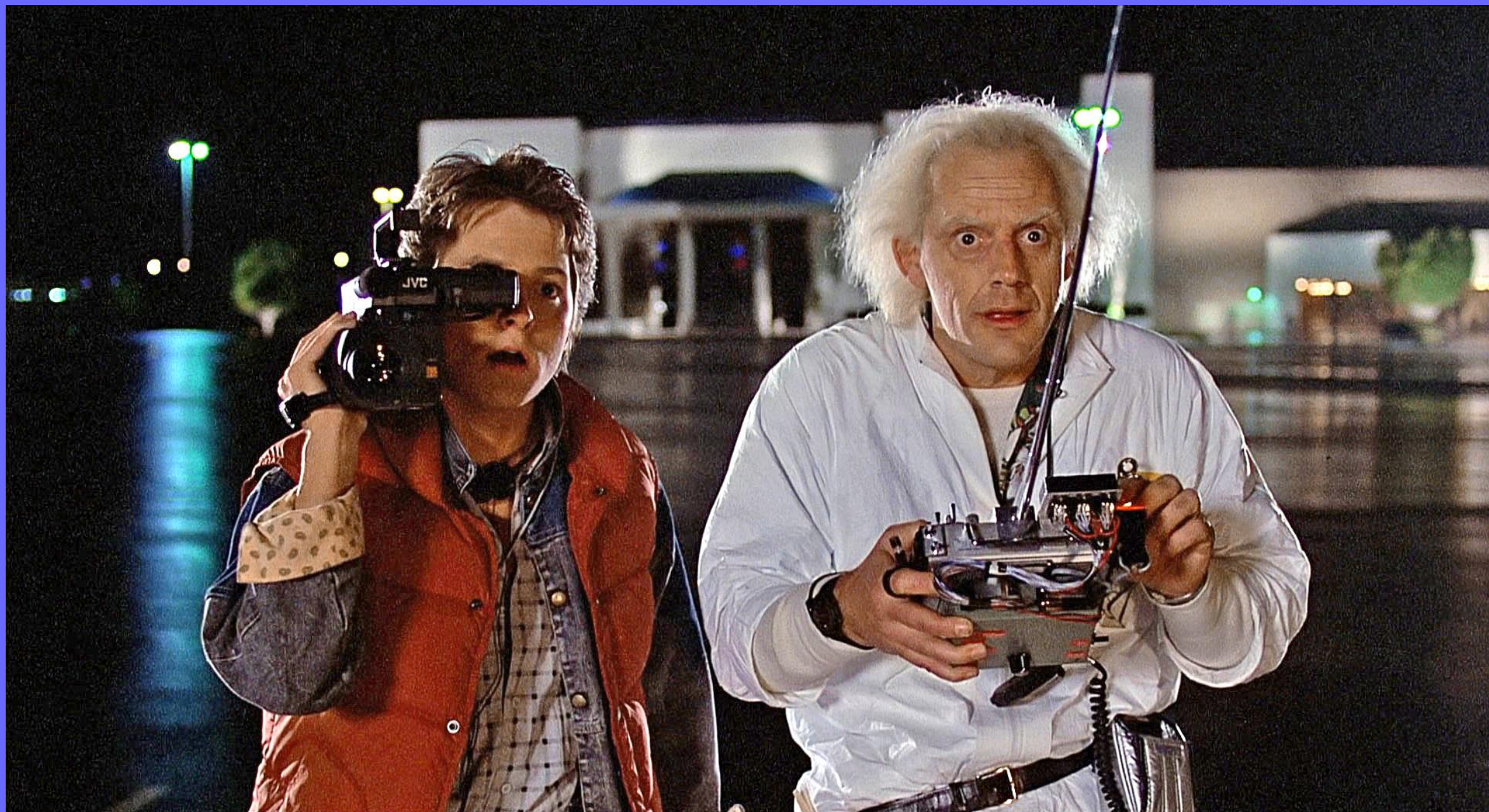
# PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD'S MAIN LINE EXPANSION PROJECT  
(Third Track)

MARCH 3, 2016

MARCUS CHRIST COMMUNITY CENTER, NEW HYDE PARK, NY







**“Attention  
passengers, the  
Main Line Train has  
completed its 10  
year journey and  
has now arrived  
back to the New  
Hyde Park Station”**



1908



1978



As much  
as things  
change,  
they stay  
the same

2008





As reported by Newsday on July 21, 2004

## LIRR \$4M study on third track

BY JOIE TYRRELL

July 21, 2004

In a significant step toward building a third track on the Long Island Rail Road, Metropolitan Transportation Authority has hired a consultant for \$4 million to study the possibility of building a third track on the LIRR.

As reported by the NY Times on Sept 16, 2008

## Third-Track Plan Isn't Dead, L.I.R.R. Insists

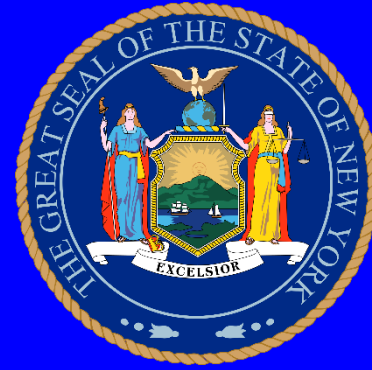
By CAROLYN NARDIELLO  
THE \$1.5 billion plan to build a third train track along a main artery of the LIRR has not been delayed because of budgetary constraints. Officials insist that the project is still on the table.

## LIRR Third Track Project May Threaten Village Once More

New Hyde Park deputy mayor warns that third track project is once again being talked about.

By DEBBIE COHEN - July 21, 2012





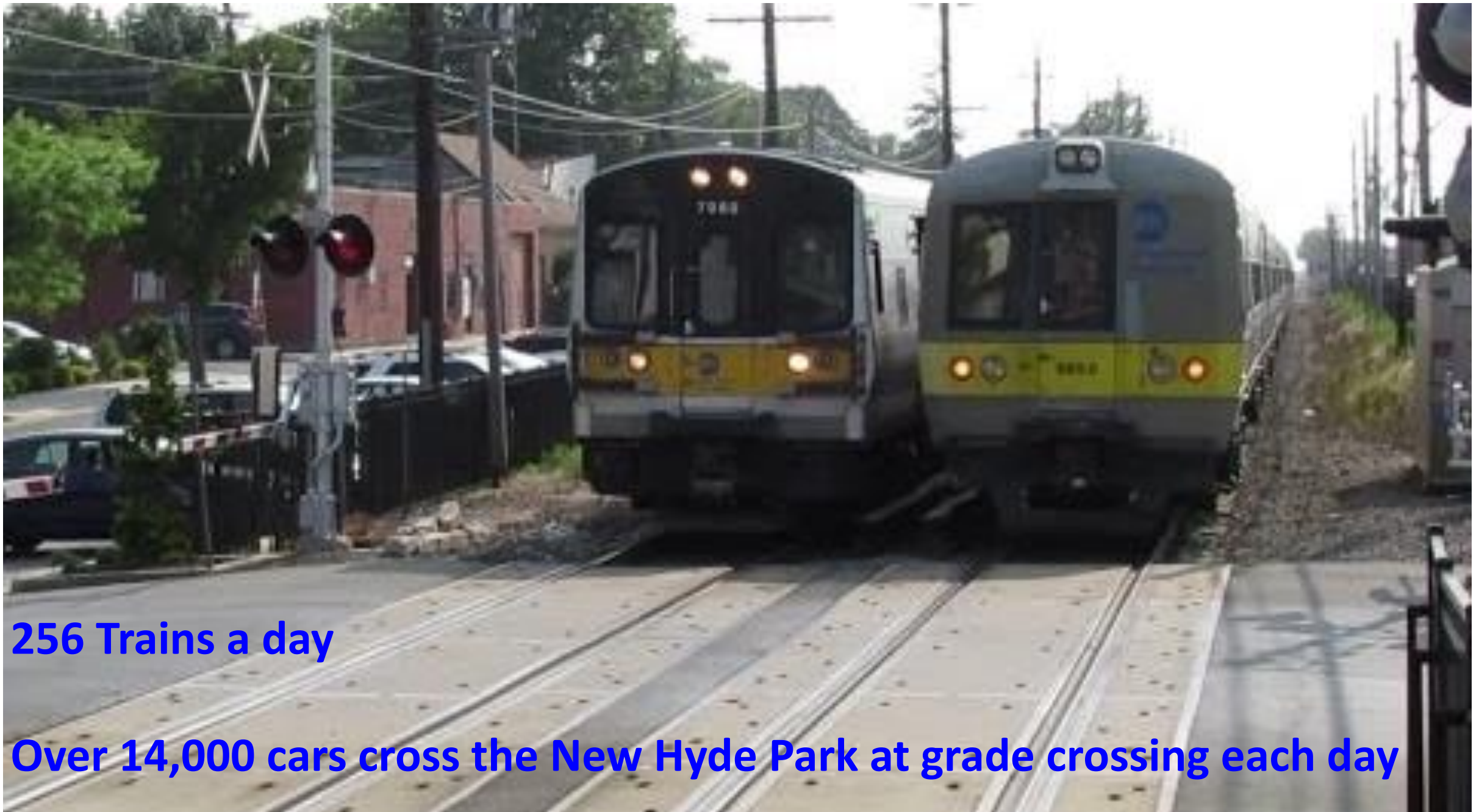
But this time  
it's Governor  
Cuomo driving  
the train

# Cuomo lays out details for third track for LIRR

By: Claude Solnik January 5, 2016







256 Trains a day

Over 14,000 cars cross the New Hyde Park at grade crossing each day





“Different than  
last time”

“Smaller”

“No property  
takings in NHP”

“Reverse  
commute not  
the reason”

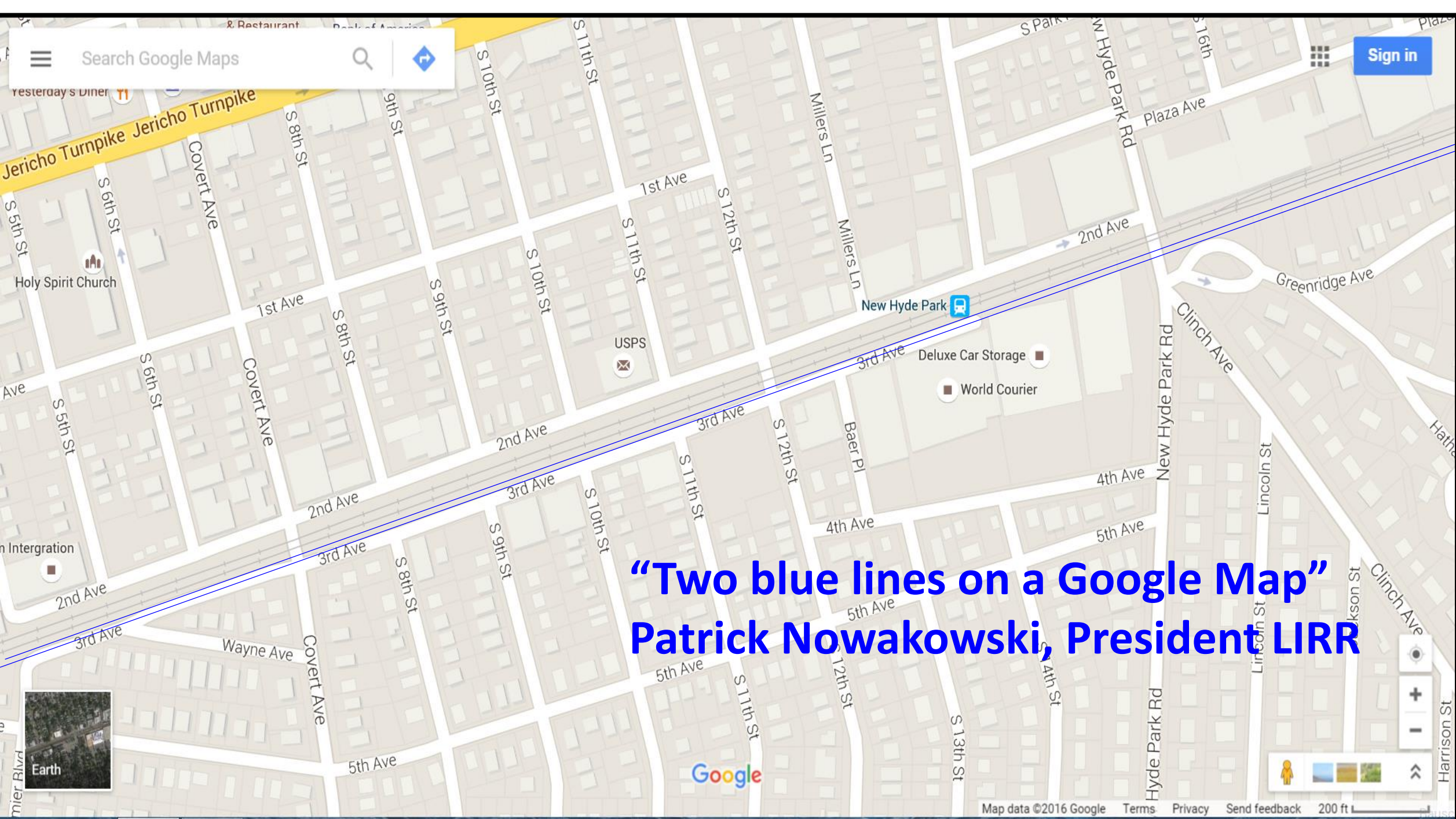
“Get in, Get  
Out”

“Done in 5  
years”



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**“Two blue lines on a Google Map”**  
**Patrick Nowakowski, President LIRR**



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# Meeting with Governor Andrew Cuomo and his team

February 19, 2016



- Hon Bob Lofaro – Mayor – Village of New Hyde Park
- Hon Larry Montreuil – Deputy Mayor – Village of New Hyde Park
- Hon Peter Calavero - Mayor – Village of Westbury
- Hon Tom Tweedy – Mayor – Village of Floral Park
- Hon Paul Pereira – Deputy Mayor – Village of Mineola
- Joseph Scalero – Clerk – Village of Mineola
- Hon Barbara Donno – Asst to NYS Senator Jack Martins (President of NCVOA, Mayor Village of Plandome Manor)

Hon Andrew Cuomo, Governor of New York State  
Rick Cotton – Sr Counselor – Governor's Office  
Robert Mujica – Budget Director - Governor's Office  
Phillip Eng – Head of Engineering for NYSDOT  
Lisa Black – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs - Governor's Office  
Jill DesRosiers – Dep Secretary of Executive Operations - Governor's Office



# Governor's Key reasons why they need to do this project

- “Design- Build process”
- “Elimination of seven at grade crossings along the 9.8 mile length of the project zone – for safety”
- “Redundancy of track to bypass broken down trains or broken equipment”
- “Faster commute to and from NYC for Long Islanders”
- “Not about reverse commute”
- “Not about Freight”
- “To be built mostly within the LIRR Right of Way”





**“OK  
Mayor, so  
lets start  
the  
project”**



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# **The Current Position of the New Hyde Park Village Board**

- **The Village Board does not see any benefit from the Main Line Expansion Project for the Village of New Hyde Park.**
- **The Village Board does not agree with the LIRR's claim that reverse commuting needs have increased so significantly to warrant this expensive and invasive project.**
- **The Village Board is opposed to any plan that will bring additional freight through our community, particularly the shipment of LPG, municipal waste, hazardous chemicals, and radioactive waste from Brookhaven Labs.**
- **The Village Board is opposed to any plan that requires the confiscation of private residential, commercial or public property through Eminent Domain.**

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- The Village Board is opposed to any plan that will increase noise pollution and rail vibrations in our community.**
- The Village Board is opposed to any plan that will negatively impact the flow of traffic through the Village, particularly at or around 2nd and 3rd Avenues at New Hyde Park Road, South 12th Street, and Covert Avenue.**
- The Village Board is opposed to any plan that does not properly address the at-grade crossings, and would prefer their elimination in a manner that is acceptable to the community.**
- The Village Board is opposed to any plan that will reduce any commuter parking.**



# Community based organizations need to lead the charge!!





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