

Dear Neighbor:

3rd Track Constructors (3TC) is making significant progress on the LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville, one of the region's most important transportation infrastructure projects. We've streamlined the work in New Hyde Park by taking on several activities at once, which will allow us to complete them more quickly and safely while minimizing the impacts to the communities and commuters.

In accordance with the "New York State on PAUSE" Executive Order, construction for essential infrastructure is considered an "Essential Service." The LIRR Expansion Project is a vital infrastructure project for Long Island and the greater region. Work is continuing on the **New Hyde Park Road Grade Crossing Elimination** as well as the **New Hyde Park LIRR Station**. With work occurring on both crucial project elements at the same time, you will see crews in your area during the day and overnight.

1. What's happening here?

On the south side of the tracks, crews are working on constructing the 2,000 ton concrete U-structure. This structure will be jacked into place over one weekend in July, and will serve as the main support for the New Hyde Park Road Grade Crossing Elimination.

Concurrently, the New Hyde Park LIRR platforms at the permanent station between New Hyde Park Road and South 12th Street have been demolished, and pre-cast footings are being installed along the right-of-way. The South 12th Street Pedestrian Underpass is being constructed simultaneously, as workers begin to pour concrete in the underpass ramps. Crews will continue working on this project activity during overnight hours.

2. How long will this construction last?

Work on the concrete U-structure at New Hyde Park Road is ongoing and will be complete in anticipation of our bridge push in July.

The installation of pre-cast footings at the LIRR station platforms is expected to be complete in the coming weeks. Following this activity, various work activities will continue to take place overnight but are not expected to be impactful to the community.

3. Why can't this work happen during the day? Are LIRR trains even running?

Overnight and weekend work is necessary, particularly for certain activities that require track outages. LIRR trains are continuing to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic. The LIRR has been following the MTA Essential Service Plan since March 27. This means that the LIRR is still running over 500 weekday trains to ensure the safe transportation of essential workers to their jobs on the front lines, including those who work in health care, food service, pharmacies, childcare, transportation, sanitation, construction and manufacturing. This is a 65% service level compared with a typical weekday and these levels must be sustained so these workers can travel safely.

4. Are you monitoring for noise and vibration?

Yes. 3TC is contractually committed to performing ongoing environmental monitoring. We are currently monitoring for air quality, vibration levels, and noise levels. In addition, MTA C&D-LIRR has environmental inspectors spot-checking the work site on a regular basis. 3TC has an "alert"

system in place to notify the team prior to any exceedances. Upon receipt of an alert, additional measures can be implemented (see Question 5).

There is a difference between noise and vibration levels that are noticeable and those that exceed regulatory thresholds. In other words, noise and vibration levels that are below the applicable standards still may be disruptive to your daily routine. We understand the implications of this work and are trying to complete it as quickly as possible.

5. Can you do anything else to reduce the noise and vibration?

Yes. 3TC is continually re-evaluating our construction techniques and inspecting our equipment to minimize adverse effects to the surrounding community. Your feedback is important and we welcome your inquiries and suggestions.

We absolutely recognize that these activities may be disruptive to you and your neighbors. The goal is to complete the work in as short a time frame as possible while maintaining safe and reliable operations. As always, please visit our website at www.LIRRExpansion.com for more information about the project. If you have an immediate question about the work in your community, please email us at communityoutreach@LIRRExpansion.com or call the project's **24-hour Hotline** at **516.203.4955**.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to continuing to serve you and your community.

Respectfully,
Your New Hyde Park Community Ambassador



Judy White



For more information, please contact the Information Hotline at **516-203-4955** or by email **CommunityOutreach@lirrexpansion.com**. You may also visit our website, **www.lirrexpansion.com**, for up-to-date project details.