

MONTHLY UPDATES FOR GARDEN CITY & GARDEN CITY PARK

January 2020

NEW HYDE PARK ROAD GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROJECT

- Beginning February 3, 2020, New Hyde Park Road will close from Plaza Avenue to 4th Avenue, lasting approximately seven months
 - During the road closure, signage and detour plans will be in place, and real-time coordination with NYSDOT will optimize signal timing on Jericho Turnpike. Click [here](#) to see the detour map
 - Pedestrian detour routes will be in place to help commuters access the station from both the east and west sides of New Hyde Park Road. Click [here](#) to see the detour map
- Throughout January, construction teams will continue to prep the area for road closure
 - At times, New Hyde Park Road may see intermittent lane closures to allow crews to perform preparatory work safely and efficiently
 - In advance of any required road closure, the team will make sure to notify the community, and signage and flaggers will direct vehicular traffic while the detour is in place
- The New Hyde Park Road grade crossing in New Hyde Park and Garden City is one of eight street-level crossings to be eliminated as part of the project. The at-grade crossing is being reconstructed to feature a new, five-lane underpass with pedestrian sidewalks on the east and west sides of the underpass, as well as a dedicated left-turn lane from southbound New Hyde Park Road onto Clinch Avenue. Plaza Avenue, between Herkomer Street and New Hyde Park Road, will be realigned and become a two-way street, to improve traffic flow associated with the new signal being installed at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue

NASSAU BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

- Replacement of the Nassau Boulevard Bridge is largely complete, significantly reducing the impact on drivers, commuters, and nearby residents. To see an engineering marvel in action, click [here](#) to watch a video of the bridge replacement
- Intermittent lane and sidewalk closures of Nassau Boulevard may be required as construction crews perform finish work, including reinforcing newly installed abutment tie-backs
 - The west sidewalk under the Nassau Boulevard Bridge is closed throughout the month of January
 - Temporary stop-signs have been placed on both the north and south sides of the right-of-way to protect pedestrian and vehicular traffic during the sidewalk closure

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NEW HYDE PARK STATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

- Beginning February 3, 2020, New Hyde Park LIRR Station customers will access a temporary 10-car platform, which will run along 2nd and 3rd Avenues, between South 12th Street and Covert Avenue
 - The temporary platforms will include 8 ADA-compliant ingress and egress points, with 3 ADA-compliant access ramps
 - Pedestrian detour routes will be in place to help commuters access the station from the east and west sides of New Hyde Park Road. Click [here](#) to see the detour map
 - When the temporary station opens on February 3, more than 100 temporary commuter parking spots will be available at 124 Covert Avenue and the parking lot of the Church of the Holy Spirit, on 1st Avenue and Covert Avenue
- Throughout January, crews will complete construction on the temporary station platforms
 - 20 commuter parking spaces will be temporarily unavailable for use
- The New Hyde Park Station Enhancement Project will include significant enhancements, developed through input and support received from the local community. Some features include:
 - New platforms to accommodate 12-car trains; platform canopies; new platform furnishings and accoutrements including benches, shelters and signage
 - CCTV security cameras to improve safety
 - ADA-compliant mobility improvements including ramps
 - Wi-Fi; USB charging stations; and digital information displays

NASSAU 1 INTERLOCKING

- The Nassau 1 Interlocking, where trains switch from track-to-track, is undergoing substantial improvements, which will include overnight and weekend work
 - LIRR crews working along the right-of-way are elevating the track bed to meet the new height of 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
- To support construction of the new switches, a second switch is placed in the roadway on Main Avenue, between Brixton Road and Kensington Road, and will be installed on the weekend of January 4
 - Following the installation of the second switch, Main Avenue will reopen fully

MERILLON AVENUE STATION ENHANCEMENT

- The western halves of the Merillon Avenue Station platforms (north and south sides) have been rebuilt and reopened. Temporary platforms have been installed to accommodate six-car station access
 - Construction crews continue to set pre-cast footings and rebar, pour piers, and, ultimately, build the permanent platform, which will accommodate 12-car trains
- New ADA-compliant elevators are being installed at the Nassau Boulevard entrance. As a result, the west sidewalk under the Nassau Boulevard Bridge will be closed throughout the month of January
- Temporary pedestrian crosswalks have been installed along Main Avenue

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- Please board and exit all trains (westbound and eastbound) from the **first six (6) cars** at Merillon Avenue Station
- Some parking spots will remain unavailable at Merillon Avenue; replacement parking is provided north of Merillon Avenue Station, along Broadway, between County Courthouse Road and Herricks Road, on the south side of the street

WALL CONSTRUCTION

- 3TC construction teams are continuing the installation of retaining and sound attenuation walls in the Garden City community, from Nassau Boulevard to Herricks Road along the right-of-way on the north and south sides of the tracks:
 - Crews continue to reinforce or install wall sections on top of the existing retaining wall, along the north side of the tracks. Once completed these sections will have a new security fence
- On the south side of the tracks, along Main Avenue between Denton Avenue and Nassau Boulevard, crews continue to install sound attenuation wall panels
- In adherence to our commitment to minimize disruption to the community, noise, dust, and vibration are continuously monitored

LIRR WORK ALONG THE 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
- For more information, visit the [post](#) in the Community News section of LIRRExpansion.com

For up-to-date LIRR service changes and/or changes to station access, please visit www.MTA.info/LIRR

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