

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

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”

One such undertaking is the Mainline Double Track project between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma. The Double Track Project 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 Activities

Construction of Phase 1, between Ronkonkoma Ave (Ronkonkoma) and Islip Ave (Central Islip), will begin April 2014 and continue until September 2016.

Early construction will require clearing, grading, moving earth along the LIRR Right of Way (ROW), and the installation of retaining walls in some locations to support the new track structure.

- Establishing fenced staging areas for contractor field offices, equipment and stockpiling of materials. Privacy screens will be installed on all fencing adjacent to non-LIRR property owners.
- Limited clearing of vegetation along the ROW to create a roadway for construction vehicles, reducing the use of construction vehicles on local residential streets.
- Restoring plantings along residential properties when construction is complete has been included in the overall plan.
- Installing fencing along the ROW.
- Dump trucks and excavators along the ROW removing excess material off the site, and bringing clean fill materials on site.
- Retaining wall construction adjacent to the ROW, west of Central Islip Station.
- Modification and rehabilitation of the pedestrian overpass in Ronkonkoma.
- Relocation of utilities along and adjacent to the LIRR’s right-of way.

### Community Impacts

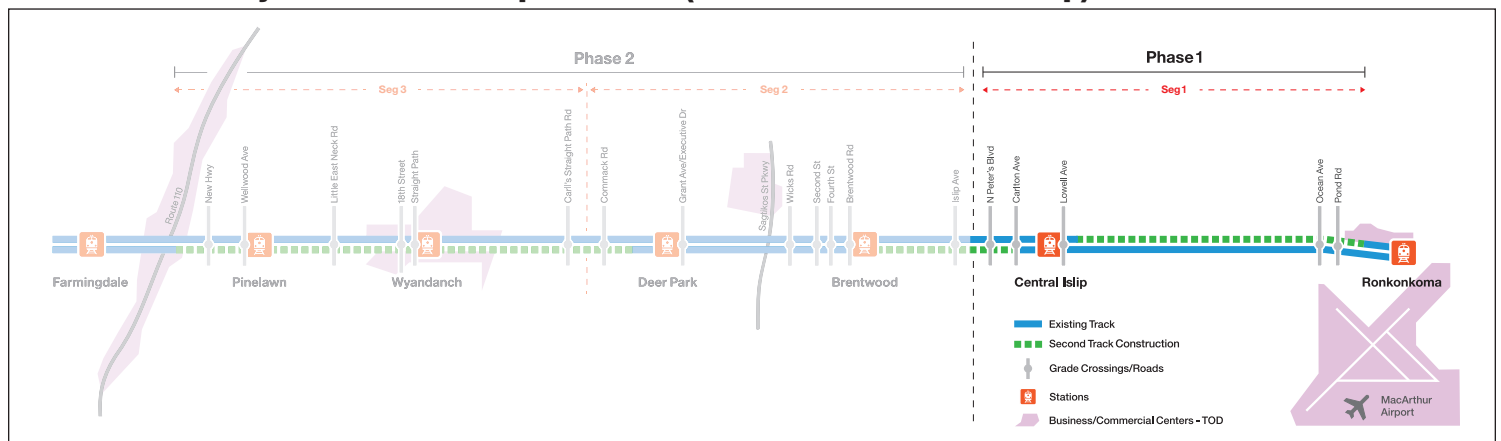
- Construction will take place within the LIRR’s existing property.
- For the first six months of construction the majority of the work will take place during daytime hours.
- This work will occur at many locations at once along the project route.
- The LIRR will make every effort to minimize our construction presence by limiting the movement and parking of construction equipment vehicles in residential areas and monitoring noise and vibrations by complying with local regulations and codes.
- The project will be constructed in two phases and will take approximately four years to complete.

### Road Closures/Grade Crossings

- No road closures will be required during first six months.
- Please note that work at grade crossings that will require road closures WILL NOT be done until later in the two year construction process.
- The community, school districts and first responders will all be advised in advance to minimize inconvenience and enhance safety.

For more Information, please visit [mta.info/lirr/doubletrack](http://mta.info/lirr/doubletrack) or contact: Hector Garcia hgarcia@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)

