



Governor Cuomo breaks ground on the LIRR Expansion Project

A Visit from the Governor

"SINCE THE 1940s, people talked about adding a third track and modernizing the Main Line corridor - and now we're actually doing it," said Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. "The LIRR is the backbone of the region's economy and this expansion effort will boost growth for generations."

On September 5, 2018 Governor Cuomo led the groundbreaking for the LIRR Expansion Project. The event was held at the Urban Avenue Grade Crossing in New Cassel, one of the seven street-level grade crossings to be eliminated as part of the project. The Governor was joined by MTA Chief Development Officer Janno Lieber, LIRR President Phillip Eng, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, and Long Island labor and business leaders.

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EXPANSION PROJECT
TRACK LENGTH

9.8 MILES



ELIMINATING

7
GRADE CROSSINGS



UPGRADES TO

6
STATIONS



What's to come on the LIRR Expansion Project

3TC IS MAKING progress on the LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville and is continuing to design elements of the project while gearing up for heavy construction.

As with all design-build projects, the schedule of planned construction activities is subject to change, but you can expect to see the following project elements underway in the coming months:

Carle Place

► Cherry Lane Bridge Modification

We are raising the Cherry Lane Bridge to meet State requirements. Too technical? What we're really doing is making Carle Place safer and less congested. This work will reduce bridge strikes, which cause delays for the railroad and drivers in the community. The modifications will also widen the bridge to allow for the additional third track.

► Carle Place Station Renovation

Great news! While the original plan anticipated the closure of Carle Place Station for up to a year, 3TC is exploring an approach that would keep the station open throughout construction. We will modernize the station, improve the customer experience, and ensure the station is fully ADA compliant. You'll have a new ramp to reach the platform and we'll install a new pedestrian overpass.

Floral Park

► Viaduct and South Tyson Bridge Modification

To allow for the additional track, we are widening the South Tyson Bridge and Floral Park viaduct. We've been working closely with local officials to minimize the effects on neighborhood schools.

New Hyde Park

► Covert Avenue Grade Crossing Elimination

Horns. All the time. The horns blast to ensure that the train passing through your community can do so safely. The horns warn pedestrians and vehicular traffic that a train is approaching. By eliminating the at-grade crossing at Covert Avenue, noise levels will be noticeably quieter. With the new vehicular and pedestrian underpass, we're improving traffic flow and making the community safer.

Mineola

► Harrison Avenue Garage

145 trains stop at Mineola Station every weekday, which is more than any other station east of Jamaica. To help accommodate some of the more than 10,000 commuters that board in Mineola, we are building a new, state-of-the-art, four-story parking garage.

New Cassel

► Urban Avenue Grade Crossing Elimination

Here in this predominately mixed-use area, we are creating a safer, more effective way to cross the railroad by sending vehicular and pedestrian traffic under the tracks. This work will vastly improve traffic flow and will eliminate the repetitive and disturbing train horn warning blasts.



Ambassador Seth Sylvan and Dan Marcy at National Night Out in New Cassel.



Ambassadors Judy White and Camille Koorey in New Hyde Park.

Meeting your Ambassadors

ON TUESDAY evening, August 7, 3TC's Community Ambassador for New Cassel, Seth Sylvan (left), along with Dan Marcy (right), a member of the MTA-LIRR project management team, celebrated National Night Out in New Cassel. Invited by Councilwoman Viviana Russell, Dan and Seth shared with members of the community details about the project, specifically highlighting the benefits the community will see and the impact construction may have in the area.

ON SATURDAY, September 15, 3TC's Community Ambassadors for New Hyde Park, Camille Koorey and Judy White, attended the 23rd Annual New Hyde Park Street Fair. Judy and Camille interacted with residents, shared details about the LIRR Expansion Project, and encouraged community members to sign up for the project mailing list. Joined by Dan Marcy, the trio made themselves available to the hundreds in attendance.

Metrics that Matter

IN JANUARY 2018, MTA granted 3TC a "Limited Notice to Proceed" (LNTF), which means 3TC was authorized to start pre-construction work that sets the stage for the heavy construction effort that begins later this fall.

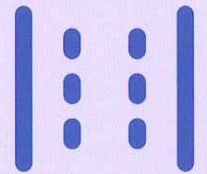
Throughout the LNTF, 3TC has focused on completing the preliminary design, field surveying, and working with the region's utility companies to relocate wires, cables and gas mains, along with completing a myriad of other early construction activities crucial to the overall success of the project.

While substantial construction is expected to begin soon, 3TC has achieved a significant number of metrics that matter to you and our ability to get the job done on time and with the least amount of inconvenience, including:

500+
properties inspected



40
miles of roadways surveyed



80
percent of pre-construction work complete



36
safety access gates installed

135

test pits dug to confirm location of existing underground utilities



7

free Wi-Fi hotspots installed at all stations along the project corridors



The Community Benefits Fund

THE LIRR EXPANSION PROJECT is more than steel rails and a 21st Century mass transportation system for Long Island. MTACC and LIRR have set aside \$20 million in a Community Benefits Fund to support localities adjacent to the LIRR Expansion Project.

The Community Benefits Fund is designed to provide the communities adjacent to the corridor with funds that they may use, subject to certain conditions and limitations, to go beyond the commitments made in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and further offset construction-period impacts. The Community Benefits Fund will support local initiatives intended to ensure community safety and quality-of-life throughout the Project's construction phase.



Aesthetics and engineering come together to ensure a recreational facility in Floral Park is not impacted by the LIRR Expansion Project.

"We fully recognize that, with a project of this size and scope, there likely will be construction-related nuisances and disruptions" said Peter Matusewitch, Deputy Project Executive. "This fund was specifically created to address community concerns that were raised during the project's early planning phase."

Project-adjacent Villages and Towns (along with Nassau County) officials are eligible to apply for

the Community Benefits Fund. While individual residents and community organizations are not eligible to apply directly to the fund, project stakeholders are encouraged to partner with their local elected officials to identify potentially eligible opportunities.

Have an idea for the Community Benefits Fund?

Submit a suggestion card to the project team. Download the suggestion card at our website.

Meet Your Ambassadors

3TC introduced "The Ambassador Program," assigning specific representatives to each community to ensure that every neighborhood has a dedicated liaison.

- ▶ Floral Park and New Hyde Park:
Judy White & Camille Koorey
- ▶ Garden City:
Katherine Heaviside & Andy Kraus

- ▶ Mineola, Town of North Hempstead – New Cassel, Town of Oyster Bay:
Gary Lewi & Seth Sylvan
- ▶ Westbury and Carle Place:
Margo Cargill

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