

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. Over the next several months, work will progress on the Mineola Station Enhancement Project.

Beginning the week of **July 20th**, crews will begin installing sheet piles to prepare the station area for excavation.

1. What's happening here?

Demolition of the station platforms has begun at Mineola Station. Prior to excavating the area, crews will install SOE (support of excavation) to form a wall of earth support. This will allow our teams to install the necessary foundations for the new permanent platforms.

2. Why is this work so loud?

Strong foundations are required to ensure the long-term structural integrity of the platforms. Heavy construction equipment, including vibratory hammers, pile drivers, cranes, front loaders, and more are needed for this work.

3. How long will this construction last?

The installation of SOE at the LIRR station platforms is expected to be complete in the month of August. Following this activity, various work will continue to take place but is not expected to be impactful to the community.

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 Mineola Community Ambassador



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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.