

Covert Avenue Closure for Grade Crossing Elimination Project Update and Detour Notice

At-grade railroad crossings have been a challenge to drivers, pedestrians and railroad passengers since the Iron Horse was invented. That's why, by the end of the LIRR Expansion Project, we will have eliminated seven of the grade crossings along the corridor and with it noise and idling automobiles.

During the peak morning and evening commuting hours, drivers and pedestrians frequently find crossing gates in the down position. At Covert Avenue, the gates are in the down position approximately 32 to 42 percent of the time in the AM peak hour and about 33 percent of the time in the PM peak hour.

At-grade crossings aren't just inconvenient – they can also be dangerous. From 2007 to 2017, there were six fatal accidents at grade crossing locations along the LIRR Main Line Corridor.



Grade Crossing Elimination at Covert Avenue – Looking South

CLOSURE

The closure of Covert Avenue from 1st Avenue to 5th Avenue is anticipated to begin on or about April 15th and expected to last six months during the construction phase.

DETOUR PLANS

After extensive traffic impact studies and with input from local officials, we designed two detour plans to make navigating around the closure as easy as possible. The detour maps featured will get cars and large trucks from one side of the tracks to the other, safely. See reverse side for the maps.

CONTACT

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us 24/7 through the Hotline: 516-203-4955 or via email at CommunityOutreach@LIRRExpansion.com.

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