

A Modern LI Long Island Rail Road Expansion Project

Floral Park to Hicksville

PROJECT BENEFITS

Better Jobs, Stronger Economy Fact Sheet

Retaining jobs and maintaining Long Island's economic stability



What does the LIRR Expansion Project have to do with the future of Long Island?

- As population in the region grows so does vehicle traffic, and the need for better transit options becomes critical.
- Now more than ever Long Island needs to leverage its mass transit infrastructure to attract new investments, create additional jobs, strengthen real estate values, and grow its economy.
- With a third track in the Main Line, the LIRR will be able to more reliably run more trains during morning and evening peak periods, improve on-time performance, and provide an alternate path for trains in the event of a breakdown, fallen tree, weather event or other issue. All this will result in more frequent and reliable service, including expanded options for off-peak travel.
- When the independent research organization Long Island Index undertook a study of a third track, it concluded the project would improve mobility on Long Island and significantly benefit the regional economy.

Retaining and Attracting Talent

- **Workforce:** The ability to attract skilled workers is crucial for Long Island's economic health. Specialized industries like education, biotechnology and the health sciences – the lifeblood of the Island's economy– will benefit from an improved mass transit system that connects them to the top talent they need.
- **Higher Education:** More reliable train service will help attract students to Long Island colleges and universities and make it more likely they will choose to live and work here after graduation. Today, students and faculty don't always have the mass transit choices they need to make commuting to school an option. By ending the reverse peak blackout and scheduling better intra-Island service, they'll be able to get to colleges and universities on their schedule.

For detailed information about the potential socioeconomic benefits, see the Draft Environmental Impact Statement available on the project website, www.aModernLI.com.