

**PROJECT BENEFITS**

# Safer, Quieter Crossings Fact Sheet

Modifying grade crossings to enhance safety, ease traffic and reduce noise

## Why is this needed?

The Main Line corridor’s seven street-level railroad crossings currently pose safety risks for drivers, pedestrians, and LIRR customers; cause substantial traffic delays due to lengthy “gate-down-times,” especially during rush hours and generate noise from bells and train horns at all hours.

- There have been 24 deaths at the seven Main Line grade crossings since 1980.
- Horns must be blasted 4 times as trains approach and pass through each street-level crossing. For example, in New Hyde Park, this results in nearly 3,000 horn blasts every day.
- At the busiest of the seven grade crossings, gates are down up to 24 minutes per hour during the am and pm rush hours causing severe traffic for drivers heading to schools and local jobs.
- In 2015 alone, gates were struck by vehicles 138 times, causing mandated reductions in train speed and inconvenience for riders

## How will the crossings be changed?

The project team has been working hand-in-hand with the communities along the Main Line to develop a unique plan for each grade crossing that meets local needs. LIRR is committed to the modification of all seven crossings, building underpasses at most, while potentially closing one or two others.

### Grade Crossing Modifications

New Hyde Park/ Garden City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Covert Avenue Crossing</li><li>▪ S. 12th Street Crossing</li><li>▪ New Hyde Park Road Crossing</li></ul>
Mineola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Main Street Crossing</li><li>▪ Willis Avenue Crossing</li></ul>
Westbury/New Cassel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ School Street Crossing</li><li>▪ Urban Avenue Crossing</li></ul>

## What are the benefits?

Once the street level grade crossings are eliminated, there will be significant safety and noise benefits for local communities, since separating the paths of cars and pedestrians from that of trains will eliminate the need for loud train horns and gate bells to sound every time a train passes through.

For detailed information about the potential grade crossing modifications, see the Draft Environmental Impact Statement available on the project website, [www.aModernLI.com](http://www.aModernLI.com).

### COVERT AVE. CROSSING: EXISTING VS. PROPOSED TWO-WAY UNDERPASS WITH SIDEWALK

