

Eleven things that **UPGRADES** to the LIRR can do for Long Islanders

WITH EAST SIDE ACCESS:

1. Nassau and Suffolk residents would have improved access to **560,000** high-paying jobs in Manhattan.
2. Thousands of commuters will save an average of **18 minutes** and as much as **42 minutes per day** now spent traveling to work.
3. **400,000** homeowners in Nassau and Suffolk will see the value of their homes rise by an average of **\$7,300**.

WITH EXPANSION OF THE RONKONKOMA LINE TO 2 TRACKS AND THE MAIN LINE TO 3 TRACKS:

4. Employers will have access to many more potential workers, at least **350,000** in Mineola and **226,000** in Hicksville, for example, increasing the attractiveness of Long Island to prospective employers.
5. Major economic development initiatives, such as Wyandanch Rising or the Ronkonkoma transit village project, would have a **much greater chance of success**.
6. Service on the Ronkonkoma line, currently LIRR's most crowded and least reliable, will have **greater dependability and frequency**.
7. Travel within Long Island would be **more transit-oriented**, both on the LIRR and along bus routes feeding into it.
8. Housing, transportation and property taxes would be **more affordable**, making it possible for more young adults and seniors to stay on Long Island.
9. **Highway congestion and air pollution would be reduced** to a greater degree.

WITH ALL THREE PROJECTS:

10. Long Island's transportation system will be **better prepared** to withstand disruptions from **extreme weather, flooding, attacks and other disruptions**.
11. **Long Island's economy is in a much stronger position for future growth with faster access to jobs in NYC and ease of bringing NYC employees to new jobs on Long Island.**