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Public Hearings Announced On Proposed LIRR Station Closings

MTA Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) will hold three public hearings on a plan to close 13 stations in Queens and on Long Island due to low customer use and the high cost of rehabilitating the stations to accommodate new diesel cars being purchased for the LIRR.

The stations, which presently have low-level platforms, would require expensive modification to construct high-level platforms to serve the new diesel car fleet. Under this proposal, 12 of these stations would be closed due to low customer usage.

The 13 stations slated to be closed include, in Queens, the Penny Bridge, Haberman, Fresh Pond, Glendale and Richmond Hill stations; in Nassau County, the Glen Street and Mill Neck stations; and in Suffolk County, the Holtsville, Medford, Bellport, Center Moriches, Quogue and Southampton Long Island University Campus stations.

In each case, there are alternate transportation services and/or other LIRR stations within a reasonable distance.

In an effort to solicit customer comments on this plan, public hearings have been scheduled in the counties affected by the station closing, each at 7 pm:

Tuesday, January 14
Best Western MacArthur Hotel
1730 North Ocean Avenue
Holtsville, Long Island

Tuesday, January 21
Roslyn Claremont Hotel
1221 Old Northern Boulevard
Roslyn, Long Island

Wednesday, January 22
I.S. 119
78th Avenue & 74th Street
Glendale, Queens

For the convenience of LIRR customers, a free shuttle bus will operate from the Ronkonkoma station to the Best Western MacArthur Hotel in Holtsville for the January 14 hearing and from the Roslyn station to the Claremont Hotel for the January 21 hearing. Shuttle buses will also operate from Jamaica station to the public hearing in Queens on January 22.

The buses will run from 6:30 p.m. until the conclusion of each public hearing.

Anyone interested in testifying at the hearings may call the MTA Government and Community Relations Department at (212) 878-7483, or they may register to speak at the hearings until 9 p.m.

The hearing locations are accessible to the mobility-impaired, and interpreter services will be provided for the hearing-impaired.