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MTA LIRR Weekend Concrete Tie Replacement Program Affects Forest Hills Service This Weekend

The MTA Long Island Rail Road continues its concrete tie replacement program in the area between Jamaica and the East River Tunnels (Long Island City) this weekend (March 9-March 12). This weekend, service at the Forest Hills Station will be affected. During the program the concrete ties on one of the four main tracks in this six-mile stretch will be removed and replaced with newly manufactured ones. Concrete tie replacement on two of the four tracks has already been completed.

Work is scheduled to continue on weekends through May 21.

Forest Hills

Weekend of March 9-March 12

Between 9:00 PM, Friday, March 9 and 4:00 AM, Monday, March 12 westbound trains will not stop at Forest Hills due to the work. Eastbound trains will not be affected.

Customers traveling from Forest Hills to Penn Station will board scheduled vans for service to Woodside and then transfer to trains at Woodside for service to Penn Station.

Customers traveling from Jamaica to Forest Hills will transfer to scheduled van service at Jamaica to Forest Hills.

Travel time will be increased by approximately 25 minutes.

In order to expedite the project, the work will take place around the clock on weekends between Jamaica and Long Island City, and will require the use of mechanized equipment. As a result, a certain amount of noise and dust can be expected. In addition, because some of the work will take place at night, lighting will be required in the work area.

A special City Terminal Zone timetable has been issued covering this period of track tie replacement work. Affected customers should pick up a copy at their stations or terminals. Customers can also contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center in New York City at 718-217-LIRR, in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR or in Suffolk county at 631-231-LIRR. The Travel Information Center TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.