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MTA LIRR Weekend Concrete Tie Replacement Program Resumes Weekend of March 2-March 5; to Continue Weekends Through May

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will resume its concrete tie replacement program in the area between Jamaica and the East River Tunnels (Long Island City) on weekends starting March 2 through March 5 and continuing through select weekends in March, April and May. During that time, 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 occur on weekends starting March 2 through March 5 and continue on weekends through May 21.

During three weekends of the work period, westbound customers from either Kew Gardens, Forest Hills or Woodside Stations will take buses/vans instead of trains. Following are details of the dates for the busing at each of the affected stations:

Kew Gardens

Weekend of March 2-March 5

Between 9:00 PM, Friday, March 2 and 4:00 AM, Monday, March 5, westbound trains will not stop at Kew Gardens due to the work. Eastbound trains will not be affected.

Customers traveling from Kew Gardens to Penn Station will board scheduled vans for service to Forest Hills or Woodside where they will board trains to Penn Station. Vans will leave Kew Gardens five minutes later than regularly scheduled trains for connecting train service at Forest Hills or Woodside to Penn Station.

Customers traveling from Jamaica to Kew Gardens will transfer at Jamaica to regularly scheduled van service to Kew Gardens.

Travel time will be increased by approximately 20 minutes.

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.

Woodside

Weekend of April 27-April 30

Between 9:00 PM Friday, April 27 and 4:00 AM, Monday, April 30 westbound trains will not stop at Woodside due to the work. Eastbound trains will not be affected.

Customers traveling from Woodside to Penn Station will board Port Washington Branch trains for service to Penn Station.

Customers traveling from Kew Gardens or Forest Hills to Woodside will board a local van for service.

Customers traveling from Jamaica to Woodside will board buses at Jamaica.

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.