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MEDIA ADVISORY: LIRR Customers Are Advised to Expect Canceled Trains, Delays, and Change in Connections at Jamaica for Monday PM Rush, November 24

MTA Long Island Rail Road customers are advised to anticipate major adjustments to the evening rush hour schedule including 19 canceled trains, delays and no across-the-platform connections at Jamaica for Monday's evening rush hour as a result of a derailment that occurred in Jamaica on Sunday.

LIRR crews have been working round-the-clock to re-rail the three train cars on the west end of Jamaica Station. The work also includes repair to the damaged switches and track caused by the derailment. Currently three tracks are out of service due to the accident.

Monday PM Service Changes

The Monday PM Rush service plan includes the cancellation of 19 of the 132 eastbound PM rush trains operated – 11 of the canceled trains are Penn Station departures, 6 trains are from Brooklyn, and 2 trains are from Hunterspoint Avenue. Customers should anticipate delays and there will be no across-the-platform connections at Jamaica. Customers are advised, if possible, to take trains that will bring them to their destination without the need for a change at Jamaica. Those customers requiring a change of trains at Jamaica will be advised to descend to street-level to be directed to the appropriate platform for their connection. LIRR station personnel will be available at Penn Station, Flatbush Avenue-Brooklyn and Jamaica to assist customers with service information. Under the modified service plan, there will be time adjustments to the eastbound local service to Woodside, Forest Hills and Kew Gardens. The LIRR appreciates the patience and understanding of our customers.

Eastbound PM Peak Service train cancellations:

The following evening rush hour trains from Penn Station will be canceled.

- The 3:34 PM to Wantagh will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 3:46 PM due in Babylon at 4:52 PM.
- The 4:12 PM to Massapequa Park will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:21 PM train to Freeport, which will be extended to Massapequa Park.
- The 4:22 PM to Port Washington will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:25 PM to Great Neck, which is extended to Port Washington.
- The 4:34 PM to Babylon will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:37 PM to Wantagh, which will be extended to Babylon.
- The 4:43 PM to Port Washington will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:46 PM to Great Neck, which will be extended to Port Washington.
- The 4:57 PM to Wantagh will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:03 PM to Freeport, which will be extended to Wantagh.
- The 5:20 PM to Long Beach will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:23 PM to Long Beach, which will stop at Jamaica.
- The 5:19 PM to Wantagh will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:24 PM to Freeport, which will be extended to Wantagh.
- The 5:40 PM to Seaford will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:47 PM to Freeport, which will be extended to Seaford.
- The 6:05 PM to Wantagh will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:10 PM to Freeport, which will be extended to Wantagh.
- The 6:33 PM to Babylon will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:36 PM to Wantagh, which will be extended to Babylon.

The following evening rush hour trains from Brooklyn's Flatbush Avenue Terminal will be canceled:

- The 4:39 PM from Flatbush Avenue due in Babylon 5:52 PM will be canceled.
- The 4:31 PM from Flatbush Avenue due in Far Rockaway 5:26 PM will be canceled.
- The 5:19 PM from Flatbush Avenue due in Hempstead at 6:09 PM will be canceled.
- The 5:40 PM from Flatbush Avenue due in Long Beach at 6:32 PM will be canceled.

- The 5:29 PM from Flatbush Avenue due in Huntington at 6:28 has been canceled.
- The 6:04 PM from Flatbush Avenue due Ronkonkoma at 7:27 PM has been canceled from Brooklyn and will instead originate at Jamaica.

The following evening rush hour trains from Hunterspoint Avenue Terminal will be canceled:

- The 5:29 PM from Hunterspoint Avenue due in Ronkonkoma at 6:45 PM is canceled from Hunterspoint Avenue and will instead originate from Jamaica.
- The 6:30 PM from Hunterspoint Avenue due in Port Jefferson at 8:15 PM is canceled from Hunterspoint Avenue and will instead originate from Mineola.

Service Updates:

The LIRR will continue to update this Service Advisory as track repairs are made. Customers should monitor news media reports and the LIRR's website (at www.mta.info/lirr) for updates to this PM modified service plan. The LIRR anticipates that there will some impact to Tuesday morning's AM Rush and will advise customers of that service plan later today. The LIRR would like to thank our customers for their patience and understanding during this period.

For up-to-date travel service information, customers can also contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022.