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MEDIA ADVISORY: Most LIRR Service Restored

Most MTA Long Island Rail Road service will be restored by this evening's rush hour, although customers are advised to anticipate schedule changes that include some delays and six canceled trains - fewer than yesterday's PM rush hour. Most across-the-platform transfers will be available. However, customers should anticipate track changes this evening as ongoing repair work is performed to fix damage caused by Sunday's derailment in Jamaica. More than 200 LIRR employees have been working round-the-clock since Sunday to clear damaged cars from the track. Work has involved re-railing the three train cars that left the track west of Jamaica Station. The derailment caused damage to a 600-foot stretch of track, requiring replacement of more than 115 feet of running rail, 400 feet of third rail, 400 feet of third rail protection board, and repair to 6 switches and signal circuitry.

A 150-ton crane was used in the re-railing process. The re-railing in some instances involved an inch-by-inch precision move to ensure safety and avoid additional damage.

The last of the train cars, which was blocking three tracks, was re-railed around 11:15 PM Monday, but could not be safely moved until 3 AM Tuesday morning. Additional testing of the signal system is required before a full assessment of service can be made for Wednesday and Thanksgiving Day service. The LIRR will issue another update later today.

Tuesday PM Service Changes

The Tuesday PM Rush service plan includes the cancellation of 6 of the 132 eastbound PM rush trains operated. Customers should anticipate delays and there will be track changes at Jamaica. LIRR station personnel will be available at Penn Station, Flatbush Avenue-Brooklyn, Jamaica and Woodside to assist customers with service information. 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 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 4:34 PM to Babylon will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:37 PM to Wantagh, which will be extended to Babylon
- The 4:57 PM to Wantagh will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:03 PM to Freeport, which will be extended to Wantagh.
- The 5:19 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.

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 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.