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### MTA LIRR Seaford Station to Undergo Major Renovations Starting March 3

#### IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE NEW PLATFORM, WAITING ROOM, ELEVATOR, ESCALATOR AND STAIRS

Major renovation work will begin on Monday, March 3 at the MTA Long Island Rail Road's Seaford Station (on the Babylon Branch). The project, part of the MTA LIRR Capital Improvement Program, includes installation of a new 12-car concrete platform, a new platform level waiting room, elevator, escalator, stairs, lighting and public address system.

The work will be done in two phases. First phase work includes demolition then reconstruction of the eastern half of the platform. During this work, the east end staircase near Washington Avenue will be closed and customers will use the western half of the platform and the west end staircases, at Jackson Avenue. From March 3 through March 31, eastbound Seaford customers will use the last eight train cars, westbound Seaford customers will use the first eight train cars. Starting April 1, eastbound Seaford customers will use the last six train cars, westbound Seaford customers will use the first six train cars. Announcements will be made on all trains directing customers to the proper cars for boarding and disembarking at Seaford during the work.

The platform waiting room, center staircase and escalator will be open through April 1, then closed for renovation. The new waiting room along with the renovated eastern half of the platform is expected to be re-opened to customers in time for winter, 2009. Phase two work, which will include demolition and reconstruction of the western half of the platform, will then get underway. The entire project is expected to be completed by the end of 2009.

The budget for this work is \$14 million. This project is funded through the Federal Transit Administration and the MTA Long Island Rail Road Capital Improvement Program. During the past 10 years, nine LIRR stations have been completely restored utilizing more than \$265 million in Capital Improvement Program funds. Approximately 3,600 customers use the Seaford Station daily.