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Major Renovations For Penn Station Restrooms

Improvements Include Doubling Size of the Ladies' Room

MTA Long Island Rail Road President Helena Williams today gave customers the first look at renovation plans for the LIRR's Penn Station restrooms, a \$5 million project scheduled to get under way this summer.

Highlights of the redesign include an expanded ladies room that will be double the size of the present facility with the number of toilets increasing from 17 to 25 and the number of sinks from 8 to 19.

The reconstruction will also include new heating and ventilation systems for both restrooms, which will remain at the same location inside the LIRR waiting room.

The renovated restrooms room will feature mosaic glass tile walls, epoxy terrazzo floors, metal panel ceilings with integrated lighting, solid surface lavatory sinks and automated toilets, faucets and soap dispensers. Customers can see the architectural renderings on line at www.mta.info.

"Our customers deserve state-of-the-art accommodations at Penn Station and our restroom facilities are clearly in need of updating," said Williams. "If the riding public can bear with us during reconstruction, we promise major improvements and a maintenance program that ensures their comfort."

The work, scheduled to begin in July, will require the relocation of the LIRR Customer Service Office from the waiting area to the Connecting Concourse across from One Penn Plaza. The new men's room should be ready by November and the ladies' room in May 2009. During construction, restrooms will remain open, but with fewer stalls available.

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