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### LIRR Improves On-Time Performance In 2007

The MTA Long Island Rail Road capped off 2007 with an On-Time Performance (OTP) of 94.07% - an almost 1 percentage point improvement over 2006. The prior year's OTP was 93.30%.

At 94.07%, 2007's OTP is the best since modern record keeping started in 1979.

The previous best OTP of 94.04% was achieved in 2002. The LIRR reached the 94.07% milestone in 2007 while operating almost 5% more trains (244,565) annually than in 2002 (233,301).

"This hard-won accomplishment is the result of a focused, team effort by all LIRR employees," said LIRR President Helena Williams. "We know that our customers want service reliability. They expect to arrive at their destination safely and on time. I want to commend LIRR employees for delivering on that goal.

"We're moving in the right direction, and we are committed to achieving even better performance in the future," Williams added, "which is why we are moving ahead with plans for a Third Track. The LIRR needs a 'Third Track' to maintain on-time performance gains in the future and to be ready for the coming of East Side Access, when the LIRR will connect to Grand Central Terminal and our customers will be able to reach the East Side of Manhattan in a one-seat ride."

The LIRR achieved two other significant milestones in 2007. Annual AM Peak on time performance reached 94.28% (previous record, 93.79%) and annual Off Peak on time performance reached 94.64% (previous, 94.41%). The Railroad implemented its current methodology of determining on-time performance in 1979. That year, the LIRR posted an OTP of 83.42%, and commenced an upwards climb through the decades - reaching 91.62% by 1987, rising to 93.68% in 1992, and hitting 94.04% in 2002, the previous record.