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MEDIA ADVISORY: LIRR Customers Are Advised to Expect Canceled Trains, Delays for Tuesday AM Rush, November 25

MTA Long Island Rail Road customers are advised to anticipate schedule changes that include canceled trains and delays tomorrow (Tuesday) morning as a result of a derailment that occurred in Jamaica on Sunday.

Over 200 LIRR employees 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 remain out of service due to the accident.

"We are grateful to our customers for their patience during this time," said LIRR President Helena Williams. "The Monday evening rush hour went smoothly under the circumstances. Our LIRR crews have been working nonstop to repair damaged rail and switches so that we can resume normal operations as soon as is safely possible. We are making progress and will keep our customers updated on our efforts."

The Tuesday AM Rush service plan includes cancellation of 12 westbound AM rush trains. As a result, there will be residual delays from added station stops and not all scheduled connections will be available at Jamaica Station to Penn Station, Flatbush Avenue-Brooklyn, Hunterspoint Avenue, and Long Island City. LIRR station personnel will be available at Jamaica to assist customers with service information. The modified plan also includes service changes for the eastbound AM Rush – in particular 9 of the 15 eastbound reverse peak trains from Flatbush Avenue Brooklyn will be canceled.

Westbound AM Peak Service:

The following westbound AM Rush trains will be canceled Tuesday morning in the modified service plan:

- 6:25 AM train from Hicksville, scheduled to arrive in Penn Station at 7:11 AM
- 6:26 AM train from Massapequa Park, scheduled to arrive in Penn Station at 7:22 AM
- 6:57 AM train from Freeport, scheduled to arrive in Penn Station at 7:40 AM.
- 7:23 AM train from Hempstead, scheduled to arrive in Flatbush Avenue at 8:20 AM
- 7:29 AM train from Freeport, scheduled to arrive in Penn Station at 8:13 AM
- 7:40 AM train from Ronkonkoma, scheduled to arrive in Flatbush Avenue at 9:01 AM
- 7:43 AM train from Merrick, scheduled to arrive in Penn Station at 8:31 AM
- 8:03 AM train from Long Beach, scheduled to arrive in Penn Station at 8:54 AM
- 8:03 AM train from Valley Stream, scheduled to arrive in Penn Station at 8:42 AM
- 8:38 AM train from Long Beach, scheduled to arrive in Flatbush Avenue at 9:26 AM

The following trains will terminate in Jamaica Tuesday morning:

- 7:12 AM train from Hempstead, scheduled to arrive in Penn Station at 8:03 AM
- 7:16 AM train from West Hempstead, scheduled to arrive in Flatbush Ave. at 8:03 AM

Eastbound (Reverse Peak) Service:

LIRR eastbound, reverse peak service from Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn will be extremely limited – with one passenger train departing the Brooklyn terminal per hour. Customers should consider using Penn Station reverse peak service, which is expected to operate at regularly scheduled times; however customers should anticipate delays en-route.

The following reverse peak trains will operate from Flatbush Avenue on Tuesday morning:

- 5:29 AM train from Flatbush Avenue, scheduled to arrive in Long Beach at 6:22 AM
- 5:52 AM train from Flatbush Avenue, scheduled to arrive in West Hempstead at 6:38 AM
- 6:48 AM train from Flatbush Avenue, scheduled to arrive in Long Beach at 7:36 AM
- 7:51 AM train from Flatbush Avenue, scheduled to arrive in Hempstead at 8:38 AM
- 8:37 AM train from Flatbush Avenue, scheduled to arrive in Hempstead at 9:26 AM
- 9:36 AM train from Flatbush Avenue, scheduled to arrive in Hempstead at 10:28 AM

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 AM modified service plan and information regarding PM train service.

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.

