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### Media Advisory: East New York Track Work Will Affect LIRR Service On Far Rockaway, Hempstead And Long Beach Branches Three Consecutive Saturdays In February

#### *Earlier Departure Times for Several Eastbound Trains*

As part of its track rehabilitation and renewal project, the MTA Long Island Rail Road will be upgrading the switches at the East New York Interlocking, affecting service on the Far Rockaway, Hempstead and Long Beach Branches, along with connections to other branches, for three consecutive Saturdays in February. On Saturday, February 14, February 21 and February 28, 2009 starting at 12:01 AM and concluding at 11:30 PM, one of two main tracks will be out of service at East New York for switch work to be performed, resulting in the following changes:

**Far Rockaway Branch Trains Eastbound:** All Eastbound trains from Flatbush Avenue to Far Rockaway, starting with the 12:16 AM train and concluding with the 11:13 PM train will depart 10 to 13 minutes earlier from Flatbush to Jamaica, then dwell in Jamaica Station until their regular departure times.

**Far Rockaway Branch Trains Westbound:** All trains will operate on regular schedule.

**Hempstead Branch Trains Eastbound:** All trains will operate on regular schedule.

**Hempstead Trains Westbound:** All westbound trains from Hempstead will operate on their regular schedules and terminate at Jamaica with the exception of the 1:19 AM Hempstead train and the 4:31 AM Hempstead train, which will operate on regular schedules to Jamaica, then dwell at Jamaica Station for 11 to 14 minutes before continuing to Flatbush Avenue. Passengers on trains that terminate at Jamaica will have to wait for the next Far Rockaway train to complete their trips to Brooklyn. This will add approximately 30 minutes of travel time.

**Long Beach Branch Trains:** The 1:10 AM train from Flatbush Avenue to Long Beach will depart 9 minutes earlier from Flatbush Avenue to Jamaica, then dwell in Jamaica Station until its regular departure time.

For additional travel information, customers can 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. Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).