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Media Advisory: MTA Long Island Rail Road Celebrates 175th Anniversary With Customer Appreciation Day, Commemorative U.S. Postal Stamp Cancel And Anniversary Ceremony

The Long Island Rail Road was chartered April 24, 1834. Three special events will take place on Tuesday, April 21 and on Friday, April 24 marking the LIRR's 175th anniversary.

- April 21- 7 AM to 7PM, Customer Appreciation Giveaway Day at Penn Station. New York Mets tickets, seats to Cirque Du Soleil's latest show, "Kooza," four \$100 gift certificates to Macy's Herald Square, passes to Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Annex and "Bodies: The Exhibition" will be raffled off. The LIRR's Spin & Win Game will offer instant prizes to customers including 200 round trip rail tickets compliments of "Kooza," Tanger Deer Park at the Arches coupon books and other promotional items. All Giveaway prizes have been donated by participating partners at no cost to the LIRR.
- April 24- 10:45 AM photo op with LIRR President Helena Williams at LIRR's Penn Station 34th Street Entrance Corridor where the United States Postal Service will be hand canceling letters with a specially designed postmark commemorating the LIRR's 175th anniversary. Following the photo op, the press is invited to travel by train to Jamaica. The U.S. Postal Service will be performing the special hand canceling at Penn Station from 8 AM to 1 PM. (*There is a \$2.00 fee charged to purchase special, pre-stamped envelopes for hand cancel.)
- April 24- 1 PM in Jamaica an anniversary ceremony will be held. Elected officials, MTA Chairman H. Dale Hemmerdinger, MTA Executive Director and CEO Elliot Sander, LIRR President Helena Williams and several past LIRR presidents will take part. The ceremony will take place at the street-level Atrium of the AirTrain JFK Building at 144-21 94th Avenue, Jamaica, just south of the LIRR's Jamaica headquarters building.

Prior to the ceremony, there will be a 12:45 PM photo op on the Jamaica Station platform with a special 175th LIRR Anniversary drumhead attached to the front of a train.

Members of the media planning to attend any of the events are requested to contact the LIRR's Press Office at 718-558-7301.

* Note: For customers that have their own pre-stamped envelope, there is no charge for the hand cancel. There is a \$2.00 fee charged by the Long Island Sunrise Trail Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society for those wishing to purchase a special pre-stamped, vintage envelope for hand cancel. The funds collected by the Sunrise Trail Chapter of the NRHS, after expenses, will be donated to three museums: the New York Transit Museum, the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum and the Railroad Museum of Long Island.