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LIRR

IMMEDIATE

### Alternative Service to Belmont Park Effective April 30

#### ***Bus, Subway, & LIRR Connections to Get to Belmont; Train Service Provided Only on June 4 and June 5 for Belmont Stakes***

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will no longer be providing regular service to Belmont Park Racetrack, effective April 30, due to the current budget situation. Special train service will, however, be provided for Belmont Stakes weekend on June 4 and June 5.

The elimination of regular service to Belmont Park was one of a number of service reductions required to address the MTA's 2010 budget shortfall. The LIRR developed reductions that will improve efficiency while attempting to minimize the adverse impact to customers. The LIRR's Belmont Service carries an average of 150 customers daily. Eliminating this service provides \$150,000 in savings annually.

The LIRR can be used in conjunction with subway and buses to get to the track:

- **NYRA SHUTTLE BUS:** The New York Racing Association will provide free shuttle bus service on race days between the LIRR Queens Village Station and Belmont Park. The bus will depart from the corner of Springfield Blvd. and Jamaica Avenue at 12:30 PM. On Kentucky Derby and Preakness Days only, there will be an additional shuttle bus at 1:30 PM.
  - **ALTERNATE BUS SERVICE AT QUEENS VILLAGE:** Take the LIRR to the Queens Village Station. Board the Q27 bus, transfer to the Q2 bus at the intersection of Springfield Blvd. and Hempstead Ave. for transport to Belmont Park.
  - **SUBWAY & BUS:** Take the E train to Jamaica Center (Parsons Blvd.) and transfer to the Q110 bus to Belmont Park.
- Belmont Stakes

The LIRR will provide direct service to Belmont on only two days: Friday, June 4 and Saturday, June 5 (Belmont Stakes Day).

On the day of the big race, the LIRR will operate trains to Belmont, most direct from Penn Station beginning in the late morning. There will also be frequent westbound service back to Jamaica and Penn Station starting late afternoon and continuing through late evening. Further details on Belmont Stakes service will be available in a future news release.

For additional information, racing fans can contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center in New York City at 718-217-LIRR, in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, or in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers may also consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). For information on races and admission to Belmont Park, please call 516-488-6000 ext 4306 or visit [www.nyra.com](http://www.nyra.com).