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Weekend Track Work at Wantagh Will Affect Babylon Branch Service October 16 & 17

Late-night and early-morning service will be affected on Saturday October 16 and Sunday October 17 as the Long Island Rail Road operates on a single track from Rockville Centre to Wantagh to allow renewal of an important switching point where trains change from one track to another.

Going east, one Saturday late night departure and three early Sunday morning trains will be cancelled. Going west, three early morning trains will be cancelled. Passengers will be handled by the next regularly scheduled train. Both Eastbound and Westbound passengers who normally take the cancelled trains will arrive at their final destination from 32 to 34 minutes later than normal.

Some trains will be making additional stops to handle the approximately 2,000 customers who will be affected by these changes. Some connections also will be affected by the cancellations.

The cancelled trains are:

Eastbound: The 11:29 PM Saturday departure from Penn Station, due Babylon at 12:47 AM Sunday, as well as the 6:40 AM, 7:40 AM, and 8:40 AM eastbound trains on Sunday are canceled. Customers will board the next regularly scheduled train. As a result of these four canceled trains, the 7:10 AM, 8:10 AM and 9:10 AM trains from Penn Station will make additional stops at Amityville, Copiague and Lindenhurst.

Westbound: The 6:28 AM departure from Babylon due Penn Station at 7:44 AM, as well as the 7:28 AM and the 8:28 AM departures from Babylon are canceled. As a result of these three canceled trains, the 7:02 AM, 8:02 AM and 9:02 AM trains from Babylon will make additional stops at Lindenhurst, Copiague, Amityville, Lynbrook, Kew Gardens and Forest Hills.

Some connections also will be affected by the cancellations:

Hempstead Branch Customers

Penn Station customers who normally board the canceled Babylon trains to make connections to Hempstead Branch trains at Jamaica will need to board trains 15 minutes earlier. Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn customers normally making connections with the canceled Babylon Branch trains at Jamaica will have to board trains 30 minutes later for a Babylon Branch connection.

Montauk Branch Customers

Since the 7:10 AM eastbound train from Penn Station to Babylon will be making added stops, customers on this train looking to connect with the 8:28 AM train from Babylon to Speonk will make this connection five minutes later than normal.

Additionally, customers who usually take the 7:40 AM eastbound Babylon train from Penn Station to connect at Jamaica with the 8:08 AM train to Montauk will instead need to take the 7:45 AM eastbound Long Beach train to Jamaica to make this connection.

St. Albans customers:

Since the 6:40 AM and 8:40 AM eastbound Babylon trains from Penn Station, which normally stop at St. Albans, are canceled on Sunday, October 17, customers looking to travel to St. Albans should take the 7:10 AM and 9:10 AM eastbound Babylon trains from Penn Station. These trains will make the St Albans stops 30 minutes later than normal.

Far Rockaway Branch Customers:

Far Rockaway Branch customers traveling on the 6:50 AM, 7:50 AM and 8:50 AM trains from Far Rockaway to Penn Station on Sunday, October 17, will need to make their connections at Jamaica 19 minutes later. Far Rockaway Branch customers on these same trains looking to travel to Forest Hills or Kew Gardens will need to change trains at Jamaica 25 minutes later than normal for their connections.

Normal service resumes at 9:30 AM. Customers should listen for station announcements and check platforms for signs.

For additional travel information, customers can contact the LIRR's 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.

