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Amtrak Derailment Causes Service Reductions For LIRR Monday Morning

LIRR to Operate Significantly Reduced AM Rush Schedule with Numerous Westbound AM Rush Trains Canceled or Diverted

As a result of an Amtrak derailment in one of the East River tunnels on Sunday, the MTA Long Island Rail Road plans to operate a significantly reduced weekday AM Rush schedule. Several westbound AM rush trains will be cancelled and some trains may also be diverted.

Customers should allow extra travel time. There also is a potential for disruptions in the PM rush.

Both LIRR and Metro-North crews are assisting Amtrak to re-rail the locomotive and four coaches that derailed. Once the equipment is clear, repairs will be made to third rail, running rail and overhead catenary wires that were damaged by the derailment.

Customers are urged to check on LIRR service before heading to train stations by monitoring the MTA website, www.mta.info, listening to the latest news broadcasts and traffic reports and/or signing up for free E-Alerts that provide the latest train information direct from the LIRR train operations center.

For the latest information on train service, customers should go to www.mta.info or monitor LIRR service alerts via email. Customers can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477.