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LIRR Continues To Operate Reduced Pm Peak Service Wed., May 11 Due To On-Going Amtrak Derailment Repairs In East River Tunnel

Based on Repair Progress, Amtrak Revised its Estimate for Returning the Tunnel Back to Service to Friday Morning's Rush Hour

LIRR Reduced PM Rush Schedule Tonight Again Includes:

Cancellation of 20 Eastbound PM Rush Trains

All Eastbound PM Rush Far Rockaway trains depart from Atlantic Terminal

Westbound Train Service to Penn Terminates at Jamaica and on Port Washington Branch Terminates at Woodside at approximately 4:30 PM; Customers to Use "E" & No. 7 line service as alternates

The MTA Long Island Rail Road continues to closely monitor the progress of Amtrak's repair work in the East River tunnel stemming from Sunday's Amtrak derailment. Based on the progress made so far, Amtrak has revised its estimate for returning the tunnel back to service to Friday morning's rush hour service.

As Amtrak continues its repair work in the tunnel, the LIRR will again operate a significantly reduced PM rush schedule of trains from Penn Station. Of the 87 trains normally operated out of Penn Station during the PM rush, a total of 20 will be canceled and combined with other trains. As a result, some trains will be more crowded. Once again, westbound service to Penn Station will terminate at Jamaica and on the Port Washington Branch will terminate at Woodside beginning at approximately 4:30 PM. NYC Transit will be honoring LIRR tickets at Jamaica for the E line and at Woodside for the No. 7 line to New York. For a less crowded and more comfortable ride, customers heading to lower Manhattan are encouraged to use the J and Z lines rather than the E from Jamaica. Additionally, once again, all eastbound PM Rush train service to Far Rockaway will originate out of Atlantic Terminal tonight.

Customers should allow extra travel time and expect 10 to 20 minute delays during the PM rush. Stopping patterns on some trains may change – please listen for announcements or consult station signage.

The LIRR expects that AM and PM rush hour service will be significantly affected through Thursday, May 12. The ability of the LIRR to restore full service on Friday morning is directly dependent on the progress of Amtrak's repairs. The LIRR is in constant communication with Amtrak and is assessing Amtrak's ability to meet the deadline to restore full service Friday morning. Among the repairs being made, Amtrak crews are replacing 275 damaged track ties. Once repairs are completed, testing must also be performed before the tunnel can be restored for train service.

PM Peak Train Cancellations:

The following eastbound PM rush hour trains will be canceled

Babylon Branch

The 4:04 PM train from Penn Station due in Babylon at 5:05 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:12 PM train from Penn Station to Massapequa Park, which will be extended to Babylon.

The 4:34 PM train from Penn Station due in Babylon at 5:39 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:37 PM train from Penn Station due in Babylon at 5:52 PM, which will make all combined stops.

The 4:52 PM train from New York due in Babylon at 5:55 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:03 PM train from New York to Wantagh, which will be extended to Babylon.

The 5:19 PM train from New York due in Wantagh at 6:06 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:24 PM train from New York to Freeport, which will be extended to Wantagh.

The 5:40 PM train from New York due in Seaford at 6:30 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:47 PM from New York to Freeport, which will be extended to Seaford.

The 6:05 PM from Penn Station due in Wantagh at 6:51 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:10 PM to Freeport, which will be extended to Wantagh.

The 6:33 PM from Penn Station due in Babylon at 7:35 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:36 PM to Wantagh, which will be extended to Babylon.

Port Washington Branch

The 4:22 PM train from New York due in Port Washington at 4:58 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:25 PM train from New York to Great Neck, which will be extended to Port Washington.

The 4:43 PM train from Penn Station due in Port Washington at 5:21 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:46 PM train from Penn Station to Great Neck, which will be extended to Port Washington.

The 5:11 PM train from Penn Station due in Port Washington at 5:47 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:14 PM from Penn Station to Great Neck, which will be extended to Port Washington.

The 5:26 PM train from Penn Station due in Port Washington at 6:04 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:29 PM to Great Neck, which will be extended to Port Washington.

The 5:50 PM train from Penn Station due in Great Neck at 6:19 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:56 PM train from Penn Station to Great Neck, which will make all combined stops.

The 6:11 PM train from Penn Station due in Port Washington at 6:48 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:14 PM to Great Neck, which will be extended to Port Washington.

The 6:24 PM train from Penn Station due in Port Washington at 7:04 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:42 PM train from Penn Station to Great Neck, which will be extended to Port Washington.

The 7:01 PM train from Penn Station due in Port Washington at 7:36 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:14 PM train from Penn Station to Great Neck, which will be extended to Port Washington.

Long Beach Branch

The 4:40 PM train from Penn Station due in Long Beach at 5:37 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:00 PM train from Penn Station to Long Beach.

The 5:20 PM train from Penn Station due in Long Beach at 6:11 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:23 PM train from New York to Long Beach, which will make all combined stops.

Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch

The 3:27 PM train from Penn Station due in Huntington at 4:33 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 3:43 PM train from Penn Station to Huntington, which will make all combined stops.

The 6:30 PM train from New York due in Huntington at 7:32 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:35 PM from New York to Hicksville, which will be extended to Huntington.

Ronkonkoma Branch

The 4:54 PM train from New York due in Farmingdale at 5:56 PM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:01 PM train from New York to Ronkonkoma, which will make all added stops.

Far Rockaway Branch Customers:

All PM Peak eastbound Far Rockaway train service will depart from Atlantic Terminal tonight. The three Far Rockaway trains that normally leave from Penn Station the 4:42 PM, 5:32 PM and 6:02 PM will instead depart from Atlantic Terminal at the same times; arriving at Far Rockaway at 5:40 PM, 6:24 PM and 6:58 PM, respectively.

Stopping Pattern Changes

The following stopping pattern changes will be made during the PM rush:

Woodside stops will be removed from some trains and added to others, and some Forest Hills and Kew Gardens stops will be added – please listen for announcements and consult station signage.

All Port Jefferson trains will make an added stop at Hicksville and Huntington.

All Oyster Bay trains will make an added stop at Mineola.

All Long Beach trains will make an added stop at Valley Stream.

The Montauk-bound 6:17 PM train from Jamaica will make an added stop at Babylon.

Before heading to Penn Station or Atlantic Terminal, all customers are urged to check on LIRR service 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. 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.