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### LIRR Plans Reduced AM Peak Service Due to Amtrak Derailment in East River Tunnel

#### *LIRR to Operate Significantly Reduced AM Rush Schedule with 23 Westbound AM Rush Trains Canceled, Terminated at Jamaica or Diverted*

As a result of an Amtrak derailment in one of the East River tunnels on Sunday, about a quarter of the trains that the MTA Long Island Rail Road normally operates into Penn Station during the morning rush will be canceled, terminated or diverted on Monday.

Customers should allow extra travel time and expect scattered 10 to 20 minute delays. There will likely be cancellations and delays for Monday's PM rush.

Amtrak is in the process of re-railing the four coaches that derailed because of a broken rail in the tunnel. LIRR and MNR forces are standing by to assist Amtrak. Once the equipment is cleared, the track and signal will need to be inspected and repaired before use of the tunnel can be restored for train service.

Thirteen trains will be canceled outright at their eastern origination point and another six trains will operate normally then terminate at Jamaica where customers can board other trains for Penn Station or take an E train to Manhattan. New York City Transit will honor LIRR tickets on the subway.

Another three trains will be diverted to Brooklyn and one train will be diverted to Hunterspoint.

#### **AM Peak Train Cancellations/Diversions:**

##### **Port Washington Branch**

The 6:17 AM train from Port Washington, due in Penn Station at 7:03 AM, is canceled

The 7:17 AM Little Neck train due in Penn Station at 7:55 AM, is canceled

The 7:46 AM train from Port Washington, due in Penn Station at 8:35 AM, is canceled.

The 8:38 AM Great Neck train due in Penn Station at 9:14 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:18 AM Port Washington train due in Penn Station at 9:02 AM, making all combined stops.

The 8:58 AM train from Great Neck, due in Penn Station at 9:34 AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:45 AM train from Port Washington, due in Penn Station at 9:20 AM, which will make all combined stops.

##### **Babylon Branch**

The 5:56 AM train from Babylon, due in NY at 6:59 AM, will be diverted to Atlantic Terminal.

The 6:14 AM train from Massapequa Park, due in Penn Station at 7:08 AM, is canceled.

The 6:42 AM Babylon train due in Penn Station at 7:49 AM, is canceled

The 6:57 AM train from Freeport, due in Penn Station at 7:40 AM, will be diverted to Atlantic Terminal.

The 7:29 AM train from Freeport, due in Penn Station at 8:13 AM, will be canceled at Jamaica.

The 7:37 AM train from Babylon, due in Penn Station at 8:48 AM, will be canceled at Jamaica.

The 7:43 AM train from Merrick, due in Penn Station at 8:31 AM, is canceled.

The 7:48 AM train from Wantagh, due in Penn Station at 8:40 AM, is canceled.

The 8:10 AM train from Freeport, due in Penn Station at 8:50 AM, is canceled.

The 8:25 AM train from Freeport, due in Penn Station at 9:08 AM, will be diverted to Atlantic Terminal.

The 8:35 AM train from Babylon, due in Penn Station at 9:37 AM, will be canceled at Jamaica.

##### **Far Rockaway Branch**

The 8:03 AM train from Valley Stream due in Penn Station at 8:42 AM is canceled.

The 8:10 AM train from Far Rockaway due in Penn Station at 9:05 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:21 AM train from Far Rockaway, to Penn Station, which will be canceled in Jamaica.

##### **Long Beach Branch**

The 8:03 AM train from Long Beach, due in Penn Station at 8:54 AM, is canceled.

**Hempstead Branch**

The 6:58 AM train from Hempstead, due in Penn Station at 7:52 AM, will be canceled at Jamaica.

The 7:12 AM train from Hempstead, due in Penn Station at 8:03 AM, will be canceled at Jamaica.

**West Hempstead Branch**

The 7:36 AM train from West Hempstead, due in Penn Station at 8:29 AM, will be diverted to Hunterspoint Avenue.

Customers are urged to check on LIRR service before heading to train stations by monitoring the MTA website, [www.mta.info](http://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](http://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.