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Amtrak Derailment In East River Tunnel Expected To Impact LIRR Service At Least Through Wed., May 11

LIRR to Operate Significantly Reduced PM Rush Schedule Tonight Including:

Cancellation of 20 Eastbound PM Rush Trains

All Eastbound PM Rush Far Rockaway trains will depart from Atlantic Terminal

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

As a result of Sunday's Amtrak derailment in one of the East River tunnels, the MTA Long Island Rail Road expects that AM and PM rush hour service will be significantly affected at least through Wednesday, May 11. For tonight, the LIRR will operate a significantly reduced PM rush schedule of trains from Penn Station. Of the 126 trains normally operated during the PM rush, a total of 20 eastbound trains from Penn will be canceled and combined with other trains. As a result, some trains will be more crowded. 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. 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.

Amtrak is continuing the work to re-rail its train cars that derailed in one of the East River tunnels as a result of a broken rail. The work is being performed in the tight quarters of the tunnel with specialized crane equipment. As the train cars are cleared, the track and signals are being inspected and repairs are being made. LIRR and Metro-North Railroad forces and equipment is being used to assist Amtrak with the work, which is expected to last at least through Wednesday, May 11.

PM Peak Train Cancellations:

The following westbound 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 train 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 train 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 at 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.

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.