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LIRR Regular PM Rush Service Restored Monday, July 30

Three Canceled Trains and Adjustments to Four Other PM Rush Trains returned to normal as East Side Access Tunnel Boring Work in Queens Is Completed One Week Early

Starting Monday, July 30, the MTA Long Island Rail Road will restore three PM trains that had been temporarily cancelled while tunnel excavation for the East Side Access project was underway in Queens. Departure/arrival times for four other trains will also revert to normal one week earlier than planned. The schedule changes were implemented on July 9, and service was expected to be impacted by the excavation work into August.

Restored Service

The three cancelled PM Peak eastbound trains restored back to the schedule are:

- The 4:52 PM train from Penn Station to Babylon.
- The 5:20 PM train from Penn Station to Long Beach.
- The 5:40 PM train from Penn Station to Seaford.

The four PM Peak trains with adjusted schedules reverting back to normal include:

- The 5:36 PM train from Penn Station to Babylon.
- The 5:55 PM train from Penn Station to Long Beach.
- The 5:59 PM train from Penn Station to Babylon.
- The 6:44 PM train from Babylon to Patchogue.

The evening rush hour schedule changes were originally planned for up to four weeks while an important switch (#813) was taken out of service for the East Side Access tunnel boring work to be performed in Queens. While the tunneling work was underway, the adjustments to evening rush hour schedule were necessitated due to the elimination of one of the three eastbound tracks normally used during the PM Peak period.

The resumption of full PM peak service on the LIRR was expedited through the successful efforts of the team of employees from MTA Capital Construction, Amtrak, MTA LIRR, and the contractors working on the project.

For schedule and fare information, LIRR customers can consult the [LIRR Schedules and Fares page](#) on our website at www.mta.info/lirr. Customers can also call 511, the New York State Travel Information Line and say "Long Island Rail Road." If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider on the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.

For the most up-to-date information on train service, customers are advised to sign up for free [LIRR E-alerts and text messages](#) at www.mymtaalerts.com.