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### MTA Long Island Rail Road Adding Extra Late-Night Train Service for Fans Leaving the New Barclays Center in Brooklyn

#### *Eastbound Service from Atlantic Terminal with Departures Every 15-25 Minutes Following Late Night Nets Games, Concerts & Special Events*

MTA Long Island Rail Road is adding trains to its late-night, eastbound schedule from Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn to serve customers heading home after major sports and entertainment events at the new Barclays Center, LIRR President Helena Williams announced today.

"If you are planning on attending a Nets game or going to see JAY-Z, Barbra Streisand, Justin Bieber, The Who or any of the other top acts at Brooklyn's hottest new venue, we will have plenty of trains to get you there and get you home at the end of your evening," said Williams. "The LIRR's new Atlantic Terminal is just across the street from the Barclays Center, so using the LIRR is definitely the most convenient way to go."

The Long Island Rail Road has been serving Brooklyn proudly since 1834 and the Railroad will be ready to meet the new demand for train service created by the opening of Barclays Center. Customers are reminded that there is very limited parking near the new arena and that public transportation is the best way to go. Once LIRR customers emerge from Atlantic Terminal, they will find the 18,000-seat arena just across the street at the intersection of Flatbush Ave. and Atlantic Ave.

Barclays Center developer Bruce Ratner, Chairman and CEO of Forest City Ratner Companies, said: "The Long Island Rail Road will provide dependable access for visitors to Barclays Center and we are delighted that more trains will be made available after events. We are encouraging our guests to use the great public transportation options to the arena."

#### Enhanced Service

The LIRR's enhanced late-night service from Atlantic Terminal will feature eastbound trains departing approximately every 15-25 minutes after an event. Following Nets games, the last train from Atlantic Terminal will depart at 11:55 PM on both weeknights and weekends. Following evening concerts and other special events, the last train from Atlantic Terminal will depart at 12:41 AM weeknights and weekends. NYPD and MTA Police will be on hand to assist customers arriving at the Center.

Barclays Center opens September 28th with the first of JAY-Z's series of sold out concerts. Later this fall, the Harlem Globetrotters, Barbra Streisand, Justin Bieber, Bob Dylan and Andrea Bocelli and other top artists are scheduled to perform at Barclays Center. The arena is also the new home of the Brooklyn Nets, the first professional sports franchise to play in the borough since the Dodgers left in 1957.

#### Getting To Barclays Center

To get to Barclays Center, board any LIRR train to Brooklyn's Atlantic Terminal. Depending upon which branch they use, most Long Island Rail Road customers will need to change trains at Jamaica Station for Brooklyn bound trains to Atlantic Terminal. Connecting trains are typically right across the platform in Jamaica. Remember to purchase your round-trip tickets to "Atlantic Terminal" at LIRR ticket offices or machines prior to boarding the train and take your LIRR ticket with you when changing trains. Onboard fares are higher.

#### Going Home

Please consult [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr) or the new LIRR brochure, "Barclays Center LIRR Brooklyn Train Service," (available at trains stations and terminals) for information about late-night connecting LIRR service back from Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn to points East on Long Island. Not all trains departing Atlantic Terminal after a Nets game or late night concert will have scheduled connections in Jamaica to all branches. If your regular branch does not have a direct connection in Jamaica after a game or concert, you may wish to consider driving to a nearby branch that does have a direct late night connection. Parking at most LIRR stations after 5 pm weekdays and on the weekends is unrestricted.

Customers who use the Port Washington Branch (which does not connect with Jamaica) are advised to go straight to Penn Station and then take the 2 or 3 subway to Atlantic Ave. in Brooklyn to reach Barclays Center and to use that route in reverse going home.

Penn Station is also the best option for those planning to stay in Brooklyn after LIRR service from Atlantic Terminal ends. Getting there is simple: Just take the 2 or 3 subway lines from Atlantic Avenue to Penn Station/34th Street, where you can connect with the LIRR.

#### For Further Information

For complete schedule information, remember to pick up a copy of the brochure, "Barclays Center LIRR Brooklyn Train Service," which provides departure times and connecting service information via select branches for all late night trains from Atlantic Terminal. The brochure shows the extra train

service scheduled from Brooklyn for both "Brooklyn Nets Games" and after "Concerts and Special Events."

That information is also available at the LIRR website [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr) or from the LIRR's Travel Information Center by calling 511 and saying: "Long Island Rail Road". If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.