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LIRR Will Cancel 21 Trains During This Evening's Rush Hour

Track Work Will Continue Overnight

Following the Monday evening derailment of a Long Island Rail Road train in Amtrak's East River tunnels, the LIRR is canceling 21 trains that normally originate at Penn Station between 3:27 and 7:01 PM. The LIRR normally operates 130 rush hour trains, and will operate normal service out of Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, and Hunterspoint Avenue, Queens. One train that normally originates in Penn Station will originate instead at Atlantic Terminal.

LIRR personnel re-railed and removed the derailed train early this morning. Amtrak crews will continue working throughout the overnight hours to repair 500 feet of track tracks and switches damaged by the derailment. If they are able to complete the repairs and return the tunnel to service, LIRR expects to be able to provide a near-normal rush hour tomorrow morning. If the tunnel remains out of service, LIRR expects to implement a plan similar to Tuesday's morning rush hour, in which 34 trains were cancelled or diverted.

Details on which trains will be canceled, and which trains can accommodate customers, in some cases by making additional stops, are here:

Babylon Branch

- The 4:04 PM train due Babylon at 5:05 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:12 PM train due Massapequa Park at 5:10 PM with stops at Woodside, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, Rockville Centre, and then all local stops to Babylon.
- The 4:34 PM train due Babylon at 5:39 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:37 PM train due Babylon at 5:52 PM with stops at Jamaica, St. Albans, Lynbrook, Rockville Centre, and then all local stops to Babylon.
- The 4:52 PM train due Babylon at 5:55 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:03 PM train due Wantagh at 5:53 PM with a stop at Rockville Centre and then all local stops to Babylon.
- The 5:19 PM train due Wantagh at 6:06 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:24 PM train due Freeport at 6:10 PM with stops at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, Rockville Centre, and then all local stops to Wantagh.
- The 5:40 PM train due Seaford at 6:30 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:47 PM train due Freeport at 6:31 PM with a stop at Rockville Centre, and then all local stops to Seaford.
- The 6:05 PM train due Wantagh at 6:51 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:10 PM train due Freeport at 6:54 PM with a stop at Rockville Centre, and then all local stops to Wantagh.
- The 6:33 PM train from NY due Babylon at 7:35 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:36 PM train from NY due Wantagh at 7:29 PM with stops at Jamaica, St. Albans, Rockville Centre, and then all local stops to Babylon.

Far Rockaway Branch

- The 5:32 PM train due Far Rockaway at 6:24 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:02 PM train due Far Rockaway at 6:58 PM with stops at Locust Manor, Laurelton, Rosedale, Valley Stream and all stops to Far Rockaway

Hempstead Branch

- The 4:32 PM train from Penn Station due at Hempstead at 5:23 PM will originate instead at Atlantic Terminal at 4:32 PM and is due Hempstead at 5:24 PM.
- The 5:04 PM train due Hempstead at 5:57 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:38 PM train due Hempstead at 6:36 PM with stops at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, Hollis and then all stops to Hempstead.

Long Beach Branch

- The 5:00 PM train due Long Beach at 5:55 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:20 PM train due Long Beach at 6:11 PM with stops at Jamaica, Rosedale, Valley Stream, Lynbrook and all stops to Long Beach.
- The 5:23 PM train due Long Beach at 6:18 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:55 PM train due Long Beach at 6:49 PM with stops at Jamaica, Locust Manor, Laurelton, Rosedale, Valley Stream, Lynbrook and then all stops to Long Beach.

Port Jefferson Branch

- The 3:27 PM train due Huntington at 4:33 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 3:43 PM train due Huntington at 4:49 PM with stops at Woodside, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, and then all local stops to Huntington.
- The 5:46 PM train due Huntington at 6:51 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:01 PM train due Huntington with stops at Woodside, Jamaica, Westbury and then all stops to Huntington

Port Washington Branch

- The 4:22PM train due Port Washington at 4:58PM has been cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:25PM train due Great Neck at 5:02PM with stops at Woodside and all further stops to Port Washington, excluding Mets-Willets Point.
- The 4:43PM train due Port Washington at 5:21PM has been cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:46PM train due Great Neck at 5:23PM with a stop at Woodside, and all further stops to Port Washington, excluding Mets-Willets Point.
- The 5:11PM train due Port Washington at 5:47PM has been cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:14PM train due Great Neck at 5:45PM with a stop at Bayside and all further stops to Port Washington, excluding Mets-Willets Point.
- The 5:26PM train due Port Washington at 6:04PM has been cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:29PM train due Great Neck at 6:05PM with a stop at Woodside and all further stops to Port Washington, excluding Mets-Willets Point.
- The 5:50PM train due Great Neck at 6:19PM has been cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:56PM train due Great Neck at 6:31PM with a stop at Woodside, and all further stops to Great Neck, excluding Mets-Willets Point.
- The 6:11PM train due Port Washington at 6:48PM has been cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:14PM train due Great Neck at 6:49PM with a stop at Woodside, and all further stops to Port Washington, excluding Mets-Willets Point.
- The 7:01PM train due Port Washington at 7:36PM has been cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:14PM train due Great Neck at 7:48PM with a stop at Woodside, and all further stops to Port Washington, excluding Mets-Willets Point.

Ronkonkoma Branch




- The 4:54 PM train due Farmingdale at 5:56 PM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:01 PM train due Ronkonkoma at 6:20 PM with stops at Woodside, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, and then all stops to Ronkonkoma.

Yesterday's Derailment and Evacuation

The train that derailed yesterday was the 5:51 p.m. departure for Hempstead, which had departed from Track 14. It was a 10-car train carrying as many as 800 people, but only the middle two cars derailed.

Passengers in the rear four cars evacuated by safely stepping down to the tracks in the presence of LIRR personnel and first responders, and then walking back to the platform at Penn Station. Passengers in the front six cars evacuated with the help of an NJ Transit train that pulled up to the front end of the train. Passengers walked single-file into the NJ Transit train, which then pulled eastward and made a reverse move back to Penn Station.

Travel Alternative

As an alternative, customers may wish to board trains at Atlantic Terminal or Jamaica. MTA New York City Transit will cross-honor fares at 34 St-Penn Station so LIRR customers can take the  or  subway to Atlantic Terminal or the  subway to Jamaica.