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LIRR Derailment Causes Some Train Cancellations During Tuesday's AM Peak

11 Trains to Be Canceled, 5 Diverted to Brooklyn, 4 Canceled at Jamaica Customers Should Anticipate Delays and Allow for Extra Travel Time

The Long Island Rail Road will experience some train cancellations and diversion to Brooklyn during the AM Peak due to a derailment of a non-passenger train west of Jamaica on Monday night. No passengers were onboard and there were no injuries involved.

LIRR personnel worked through the night into this morning to clear up the derailment and repair track damage, but morning rush hour train service will be affected, as one of the LIRR's four main tracks between Penn Station and Jamaica is out of service. Repairs are continuing to broken rails and to remove four cars of the train that derailed last night.

Out of the 144 normal AM rush hour trains, 11n trains will be canceled, 5 will be diverted to Brooklyn's Atlantic Terminal and 4 trains will be canceled at Jamaica, where commuters will be accommodated by other trains.

Customers are urged to allow extra time for travel and to expect some delays.

Babylon Branch

- The 5:56 AM train from Babylon, due Penn at 6:59AM, will be diverted to Atlantic Terminal.
- The 6:14AM train from Massapequa Park, due Penn at 7:08AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:12AM train from Babylon to Penn, which will make an added stop at Rockville Centre; and the 6:26AM train from Massapequa Park to Penn.
- The 6:31AM train from Lindenhurst, due Penn at 7:33AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:32AM train from Babylon, due Penn at 7:37AM.
- The 6:57AM train from Freeport due Penn at 7:40AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:56AM train from Wantagh due Penn at 7:43AM, making added stops at Freeport, Baldwin and Rockville Centre.
- The 7:29AM train from Freeport, due Penn at 8:13AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:26AM train from Wantagh, due Penn at 8:16AM, making an added stop at Freeport; and by the 7:10AM train from Babylon, due Penn at 8:20AM, which will make added stops at Baldwin and Rockville Centre.
- The 7:48 AM train from Wantagh, due Penn at 8:40 AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:29 AM train from Babylon, due Atlantic Terminal at 8:43 AM. Customers for Penn Station must change at Jamaica for a NY train.
- The 7:37AM train from Babylon, due Penn at 8:48AM, will be canceled at Jamaica. Customers will be accommodated by the next westbound train to Penn.
- The 8:10AM train from Freeport, due Penn at 8:50AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:25AM train from Freeport, due Penn at 9:08AM, and by the 7:45AM train from Babylon, due Penn at 8:56AM, which will make added stops at Freeport, Baldwin and Rockville Centre.
- The 8:25AM train from Freeport, due Penn at 9:08AM, will be diverted to Atlantic Terminal.

Far Rockaway Branch

- The 8:03AM train from Valley Stream, due Penn at 8:42AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:49AM train from Far Rockaway, due Penn at 8:42AM, making added stops at Valley Stream, Rosedale, Laurelton, Locust Manor, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills and Woodside.
- The 8:21AM train from Far Rockaway, due Penn at 9:17AM, will be diverted to Atlantic Terminal.

Hempstead Branch:

- The 6:58AM train from Hempstead due Penn at 7:52AM will be diverted to Atlantic Terminal. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:39AM train from Ronkonkoma due Penn at 8:00AM will make an added stop at Forest Hills.
- The 7:12AM train from Hempstead, due Penn at 8:03AM, will be diverted to Atlantic Terminal.

Long Beach Branch:

- The 7:23AM train from Long Beach, due Penn at 8:22AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:39AM train from Long Beach, due Penn at 8:32AM, and by the 7:49AM train from Far Rockaway, due Penn at 8:42AM, which will make added stops at Valley Stream, Rosedale, Laurelton and Locust Manor.

- The 8:03AM train from Long Beach, due Penn at 8:54AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:08AM train from Long Beach, due Penn at 9:02AM.

Montauk Branch:

- The 7:12AM train from Speonk, due Hunterspoint Ave. at 9:11AM, will be canceled at Jamaica. Customers will be accommodated by the 9:12AM train from Jamaica, due Hunterspoint Ave. at 9:28AM.

Oyster Bay Branch:

- The 7:13AM train from Oyster Bay, due Long Island City at 8:34AM, will be canceled at Jamaica. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:19AM train from Jamaica, due Long Island City at 8:44AM.

Port Jefferson/Huntington Branch:

- The 5:59AM train from Port Jefferson, due Hunterspoint Ave. at 7:41AM, will be canceled at Jamaica. Customers traveling to Hunterspoint Ave. will be accommodated by the 7:31 AM train from Jamaica, due Hunterspoint Ave. at 7:49AM.
- The 6:25AM train from Hicksville, due Penn at 7:11AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:44AM train from Port Jefferson, due Penn at 7:20AM, making an added stop at Hicksville at approximately 6:41AM; and by the 6:15AM train from Huntington due Hicksville at 6:33AM, making added stops at Carle Place, Merillon Ave and New Hyde Park.

Ronkonkoma Branch:

- The 6:54AM train from Central Islip, due Penn at 8:06AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:56AM train from Ronkonkoma, due Atlantic Terminal at 8:17AM.

Please listen for announcements this morning

The best way to be prepared for the unexpected is to be informed. The LIRR urges customers to:

- Sign up for free email or text message service updates.
- Visit our website for periodic service updates.
- Listen to the radio and television news: During any emergency, this is the fastest way to find out how train service is affected. We will continuously provide information to the media.
- Call our Travel Information Center by dialing 511 and saying "LIRR". The Travel Information Center will be fully staffed, and there will also be a taped message describing our current service conditions. Please be aware that the volume of calls at the Travel Information Center will dramatically increase during an emergency, and you may experience delays getting through.
- Make sure you pick up a current LIRR timetable, as it will provide you with a frame of reference for train departure times at your station.
- At Your Station, listen closely for public address announcements if you are in Penn Station, Atlantic Terminal, or at a station on one of our branches.
- Depending on service conditions, Long Island Rail Road employees will be on hand to answer questions about service and, if necessary, alternative means of travel.