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LIRR Customers Should Expect Delays During Tuesday's AM Peak as Efforts Continue to Remove Derailed Train from Amtrak's East River Tunnel

Railroad Canceling or Diverting 34 out of 144 Morning Trains

MTA Long Island Rail Road customers should anticipate travel delays as a result of some train cancellations and diversions during today's AM Peak due to Monday evening's derailment inside one of Amtrak's East River tunnels.

Out of the 144 normal AM rush hour trains, 34 trains will be canceled and/or diverted during today's AM Peak.

Three of four tunnel lines usually available to the LIRR will be operational. However, the unavailability of one line will require the cancellation of 34 trains westbound peak trains, plus the diversion of others from Penn Station to Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn or Hunterspoint Ave. in Queens. MTA NYC Transit is cross honoring LIRR tickets on the No. 2, No. 3, No. 7 and E Trains. The LIRR regrets this inconvenience and is working with Amtrak to restore full service as soon as possible.

There were no injuries reported as a result of the incident. Amtrak personnel began assessing the damage and working to remove the derailed train as soon as all customers were safely evacuated by MTA Police, the FDNY and LIRR personnel.

The LIRR train - the 5:51 PM to Hempstead - was 10 cars long. Two cars derailed. Amtrak workers were able to uncouple the first four cars still on the rail and move them east from the tunnel in the first hours of work. The rear four cars were later towed west toward Penn Station and work is now underway to rerail and remove the two damaged cars.

A preliminary assessment indicates that about 500 feet of track and approximately eight switches have been damaged. A full damage assessment and repairs will begin as soon as the derailed cars are removed.

The point of derailment and the exact cause are still under an investigation that is being carried out jointly by Amtrak, the LIRR and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

LIRR customers should monitor media reports and the MTA website www.mta.info/lirr for the latest updates.

The following trains will be canceled and or diverted:

Westbound

Babylon Branch

- The 5:56 AM train from Babylon due in Penn at 6:59 AM will be diverted to Atlantic Terminal
- The 6:14 AM train from Massapequa Park due in Penn at 7:08 AM 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 6:26 AM train from Massapequa Park to Penn.
- The 6:31 AM train from Lindenhurst due in Penn at 7:33AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:32 AM train from Babylon to Penn.
- The 6:56 AM train from Wantagh due in Penn at 7:43 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:42 AM train from Babylon to Penn with added stops at Wantagh, Bellmore and Merrick.
- The 6:57AM train from Freeport due in Penn at 7:40AM will be diverted to Atlantic Terminal.
- The 7:10 AM train from Babylon due Penn at 8:20 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:29 AM train from Babylon due Atlantic Terminal at 8:43 AM.
- The 7:26AM train from Wantagh due Penn at 8:16AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:48AM train from Wantagh to Penn.
- The 7:29 AM train from Freeport due Penn at 8:13 AM will terminate at Jamaica.
- The 7:37 AM train from Babylon due Penn at 8:48 AM will terminate at Jamaica.
- The 7:43 AM train from Merrick due Penn at 8:31 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:48 AM train from Wantagh to Penn and the 7:29 AM train from Babylon to Atlantic Terminal.
- The 7:48 AM train from Wantagh due Penn at 8:40 AM will terminate at Jamaica.
- The 8:10 AM train from Freeport due Penn at 8:50 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:45 AM train from Babylon due Penn at 8:56 AM, with stops added at Freeport, Baldwin, and Rockville Centre.
- The 8:25 AM train from Freeport due Penn at 9:08 AM is canceled.
- The 8:35 AM train from Babylon due Penn at 9:37 AM will terminate at Jamaica.

Far Rockaway Branch

- The 5:54 AM train from Far Rockaway due in Penn at 6:47 AM will be diverted to Hunterspoint Avenue
- The 8:03 AM train from Valley Stream due Penn at 8:42 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:49 AM train from Far Rockaway to Penn, with stops added at Valley Stream, Rosedale, Laurelton, and Locust Manor.
- The 8:21 AM train from Far Rockaway due Penn at 9:17 AM will terminate at Jamaica.
- The 7:08 AM train from Far Rockaway due in Penn at 8:05 AM will be canceled at Jamaica.

Hempstead Branch

- The 6:58 AM train from Hempstead due in Penn at 7:52 AM will be canceled at Jamaica.
- The 7:12 AM train from Hempstead due in Penn at 8:03 AM will be canceled at Jamaica.

Long Beach Branch

- The 6:37 AM train from Long Beach due in Penn at 7:28 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:54 AM train from Long Beach to Atlantic Terminal.
- The 7:04 AM train from Long Beach due in Penn at 7:57 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:23 AM train from Long Beach to Penn.
- The 8:08 AM train from Long Beach due Penn at 9:02 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:03 AM train from Long Beach and the 8:38 AM train from Long Beach to Atlantic Terminal.

Port Jefferson Branch

- The 7:28 AM train from Cold Spring Harbor due Penn at 8:25 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:37AM train from Huntington due Penn at 8:37AM, which will add a stop at Hicksville.

Port Washington Branch

- The 6:27 AM train from Port Washington due in Penn at 7:14 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:45AM train from Port Washington or the 7:06 AM train from Great Neck .
- The 7:36 AM train from Port Washington due in Penn at 8:11 AM will be diverted to Hunterspoint Avenue.
- The 8:04AM train from Great Neck due Penn at 8:38AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:08AM train from Port Washington, which will add stops at Little Neck and Douglaston, and the 8:24AM train from Great Neck.

Ronkonkoma Branch

- The 6:00AM train from Farmingdale due in Penn at 6:50AM will be diverted to Atlantic Terminal
- The 6:57 AM train from Farmingdale due in Penn at 7:48AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:39AM train from Ronkonkoma to Penn, with an added stop to Hicksville.
- The 6:54 AM train from Central Islip due in Penn at 8:06AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:56AM train from Ronkonkoma to Atlantic Terminal. Customers can transfer at Jamaica for service to Penn.
- The 7:19AM train from Ronkonkoma due Penn at 8:28AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:32AM train from Ronkonkoma to Penn.

West Hempstead Branch

- The 7:36 AM train from West Hempstead due Penn at 8:29AM will be diverted to Hunterspoint Avenue.

Eastbound**Babylon Branch**

- The 7:22 AM train from Penn due Jamaica at 7:47AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:31AM train from Penn due Babylon at 8:44AM, with added stops add at Woodside, Forest Hills, and Kew Gardens.

Port Washington Branch

- The 8:21 AM train from Penn due Port Washington at 9:08AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:51AM train from Penn due Port Washington at 9:37AM.

For More Information

Contact the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 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. Customers can also consult the LIRR's web site at www.mta.info/lirr.