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Long Island Rail Road Eastbound Service Is Currently Operating On or Close to Schedule

Effort Underway to Remove Freight Train That Partially Derailed East of Jamaica Station With Minor Impact On Commuter Service Expected Tonight & Tomorrow

Long Island Rail Road eastbound service is currently operating on or close to schedule. The partial derailment this afternoon of a New York & Atlantic Railway freight train just east of Jamaica Station had little impact on PM peak service.

No injuries were reported and the cause of the derailment is under investigation.

The last three cars of the NY&A train derailed shortly before 3 p.m., shutting down two tracks that are not used by LIRR trains passing through Jamaica Station. The derailment did prevent the LIRR from moving trains stored in its Jamaica yard into service for the evening commute, meaning fewer trains were available.

As a result, as of 6:30 p.m., the LIRR had to cancel four eastbound trains at Penn Station and move those passengers to the next available train on their branch. The four cancelations were out of more than 100 trains leaving from Penn Station on a typical weekday evening. Of those in operation, about a dozen trains were delayed.

Efforts to re-rail the three derailed cars is well underway and the ongoing task may result in a similarly small number cancelations tomorrow morning.