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Allow Extra Travel Time During Installation of New Signal System for East Side Access Project

Work to Start 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, End 5 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16

MTA Long Island Rail Road customers traveling to and from New York City over the weekend of November 14-15 should build in extra travel time to the event of train delays as the LIRR completes another phase of the East Side Access project. The installation of a computerized signal system at Harold Interlocking will require closing of a portion of the Interlocking and one of the four East River Tunnels connecting Queens to Penn Station.

Beginning at 10 p.m. Friday, November 13 through 5 a.m. Monday, November 16, the LIRR will cutover a portion of the Interlocking from relay-based technology to microprocessor-based technology, which controls train traffic through Harold, the nation's busiest commuter rail intersection, used daily by the LIRR, Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT. Despite the loss of capacity, the LIRR is running on a regular Weekend Schedule, working in coordination with Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT. This is the second in a series of cutovers to this improved technology. The LIRR carried out the first installation last December without delays or disruptions. When complete, East Side Access will speed up travel for Long Islanders by transporting them to Grand Central Terminal and the East Side of Manhattan for the first time.

"Last year, we completed the initial signal modernization at Harold Interlocking without interrupting our regular service, but we wanted to alert customers to the possibility of delays over the weekend should the work take longer than planned," said LIRR President Patrick A. Nowakowski.

For More Information

Long Island Rail Road customers can find the latest travel updates by visiting www.mta.info/lirr or by calling the LIRR's Customer Information Center at 511 and saying: Long Island Rail Road. They may also want to join thousands of other LIRR riders who have signed up for real-time, customer service alerts via email or text at www.mymtaalerts.com or downloaded the LIRR's Train Time app at <http://web.mta.info/lirr/traintimeapp>