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26 PM Rush Hour LIRR Trains From Penn Station to Be Cancelled or Diverted as Amtrak Crews Continue Work on Tracks Damaged in Monday's NJ TRANSIT Derailment

Amtrak Says Service Disruptions Could Last for Days; Customers Should Allow Extra Travel Time; New York City Transit Cross-Honoring to Continue for Duration of Service Disruption

As Amtrak crews continue to work at Penn Station to repair track damage caused by a derailment Monday morning, the Long Island Rail Road plans to operate the PM rush hour schedule used on Monday, which included 18 trains cancelled from Penn Station between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., and eight others diverted to originate elsewhere.

The remaining LIRR trains from Penn Station could experience delays and crowding.

The LIRR will operate on near normal schedules out of Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, and Hunterspoint Avenue, Queens. New York City Transit will cross-honor LIRR tickets at 34th Street-Penn Station on the **1 2 3** and **A C E**.

"Amtrak has advised us that the repairs to damaged track will take a matter of days, unfortunately," said LIRR President Patrick Nowakowski. "Because of that, we must continue to operate on a reduced schedule until all repairs have been safely completed. We have offered support and any assistance they need to help speed these repairs."

LIRR will primarily operate out of Tracks 17 through 21 as a result of the post-derailment track work. In some instances, LIRR customers may be advised of trains departing from Tracks 10, 11 or 12, which are accessible from the Exit Corridor closer to Eighth Avenue, or via NJ TRANSIT's concourse.

There will be no westbound service between Jamaica and Penn Station from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Customers will be able to transfer to the **E** subway for continuing service to Penn Station. New York City Transit will cross-honor LIRR tickets at Woodside and Jamaica.

From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., westbound Port Washington Branch trains will terminate at Woodside, where customers will be able to transfer to the **7** subway for continued service to Manhattan.

As with yesterday, the following eastbound LIRR trains from Penn Station will be cancelled or originate from Atlantic Terminal or Jamaica. In most cases customers will be able to board trains leaving within 10 minutes of their scheduled departure, with the alternate trains making additional stops to accommodate the customers of the canceled trains.

Babylon Branch

The 4:03 p.m. train from Penn Station due Babylon at 5:05 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 4:12 p.m. train from Penn Station due Massapequa Park at 5:10 p.m. with stops at Woodside, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, Rockville Centre, and all further stops to Babylon.

The 4:34 p.m. train from Penn Station due Babylon at 5:39 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 4:37 p.m. train from Penn Station due Wantagh at 5:27 p.m. with stops at Rockville Centre, and all further stops to Babylon.

The 4:57 p.m. train from Penn Station due Wantagh at 5:42 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 5:03 p.m. train from Penn Station due Freeport at 5:46 p.m. with stops at Rockville Centre, Baldwin, Freeport, Merrick, Bellmore and Wantagh.

The 5:19 p.m. train from Penn Station due Wantagh at 6:06 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 5:24 p.m. train from Penn Station due Freeport at 6:10 p.m. with stops at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, Rockville Centre, and all further stops to Wantagh.

The 5:40 p.m. train from Penn Station due Seaford at 6:30 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 5:47 p.m. train from Penn Station due Freeport at 6:31 p.m. with a stop at Rockville Centre, and all further stops to Seaford.

The 6:05 p.m. train from Penn Station due Wantagh at 6:51 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 6:10 p.m. train from Penn Station due Freeport at 6:54 p.m. with a stop at Rockville Centre, and all further stops to Wantagh.

The 6:33 p.m. train from Penn Station due Babylon at 7:35 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 6:36 p.m. train from Penn Station due Wantagh at 7:29 p.m. with stops at Jamaica, St. Albans, Rockville Centre, and all further stops to Babylon.

Far Rockaway Branch

The 4:42 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Far Rockaway at 5:40 p.m., will originate at Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn.

The 5:32 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Far Rockaway at 6:24 p.m., will originate at Jamaica.

The 6:02 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Far Rockaway at 6:58 p.m., will originate at Jamaica.

Hempstead Branch

The 4:32 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Hempstead at 5:23 p.m., will originate at Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn.

The 5:04 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Hempstead at 5:57 p.m., will originate at Jamaica.

The 5:38 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Hempstead at 6:36 p.m., will originate at Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn.

The 6:39 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Hempstead at 7:38 p.m. will originate at Jamaica.

The 7:05 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Hempstead at 7:56 p.m., will originate at Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn.

Long Beach Branch

The 4:40 p.m. train from Penn Station due Long Beach at 5:37 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 5:00 p.m. train from Penn Station due Long Beach at 5:55 p.m. with stops at Jamaica, Locust Manor, and all further stops to Long Beach.

The 5:20 p.m. train from Penn Station due Long Beach at 6:11 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 5:23 p.m. train from Penn Station due Long Beach at 6:18 p.m. with stops at Jamaica, Locust Manor, Laurelton, Rosedale, Valley Stream, Lynbrook, and all further stops to Long Beach.

Port Jefferson Branch

The 3:27 p.m. train from Penn Station due Huntington at 4:33 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 3:43 p.m. train from Penn Station due Huntington at 4:49 p.m. with stops at Woodside, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, and all further stops to Huntington.

The 5:06 p.m. train from Penn Station due Huntington at 6:07 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 5:17 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Huntington at 6:21 p.m.

The 6:30 p.m. train from Penn Station due Huntington at 7:32 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 6:35 p.m. train from Penn Station due Hicksville at 7:22 p.m. with stops at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, and all further stops to Huntington.

Port Washington Branch

The 5:11 p.m. train from Penn Station due Port Washington at 5:47 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 5:14 p.m. train from Penn Station due Great Neck at 5:45 p.m. with a stop at Bayside and all further stops to Port Washington, excluding Mets-Willets Point.

The 5:26 p.m. train from Penn Station due Port Washington at 6:04 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 5:29 p.m. train from Penn Station due Great Neck at 6:05 p.m. with a stop at Woodside and all further stops to Port Washington, excluding Mets-Willets Point.

The 5:50 p.m. train from Penn Station due Great Neck at 6:19 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 5:56 p.m. train from Penn Station due Great Neck at 6:31 p.m. with a stop at Woodside, and all further stops to Great Neck, excluding Mets-Willets Point.

The 6:11 p.m. train from Penn Station due Port Washington at 6:48 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 6:14 p.m. train from Penn Station due Great Neck at 6:49 p.m. with a stop at Woodside, and all further stops to Port Washington, excluding Mets-Willets Point.

The 6:24 p.m. train from Penn Station due Port Washington at 7:04 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 6:42 p.m. train from Penn Station due Great Neck at 7:17 p.m. with a stop at Woodside, and all further stops to Port Washington, excluding Mets-Willets Point.

The 7:01 p.m. train from Penn Station due Port Washington at 7:36 p.m. has been cancelled. Customers can take the 7:14 p.m. train from Penn Station due Great Neck at 7:48 p.m. with a stop at Woodside, and all further stops to Port Washington, excluding Mets-Willets Point.

Many Channels for Services Updates

The LIRR urges its customers to stay alert for train service updates. The LIRR will continuously update customers in these ways:

- **Email and text message service updates** – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting [MyMTAAlerts.com](https://mymtaalerts.com). To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.
- **MTA.info** – The rail tab of the “Service Status” box at the left side of [www.MTA.info](https://www.mta.info) is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit www.mta.info/lirr to see special service notices in the upper center of the page.
- **@LIRR on Twitter** – Twitter users can follow @LIRR to receive updates of a similar nature to the email and text alerts, shortened to fit Twitter’s format.
- **LIRR Train Time app** – Customers who use the LIRR Train Time app will see up-to-the-minute status for each upcoming train at each station. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route.

The above communications channels can be accessed while at home or on the go. For customers who are located at stations, the LIRR will post the latest service updates on **digital signs** at station platforms and will make **audio announcements** over public address systems, and **on-board announcements** made by train crews.

For those who prefer the **telephone**, information is available from the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: "Long Island Rail Road." Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.