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LIRR Timetables Change July 24 to Add Peak-Hour Connections to Brooklyn During Amtrak Track Work at Penn Station, and to Enable Off-Peak Babylon Branch Track Work

Three Brooklyn-Bound AM Peak Trains Will Stop at Jamaica to Receive Passengers; Mid-Day Service Goes from Half-Hourly to Hourly at Four Babylon Branch Stations for Four Weeks for Track Work

New Long Island Rail Road timetables going into effect on Monday, July 24, will make adjustments to train schedules to add connections to AM peak-hour Brooklyn-bound trains during the remaining weeks of reduced capacity resulting from Amtrak's track work at Penn Station. During off-peak hours, mid-day schedule changes to the Babylon Branch will allow crews to ramp up track renewal between Wantagh and Babylon. There will be no changes to weekend train schedules.

New timetables are available at this link: <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/>

Rush Hour Schedule Changes

In the morning, the LIRR will make changes to improve connections to Brooklyn and to reduce congestion for Port Washington Branch trains.

Better Connections to Brooklyn

To allow more opportunities for customers to transfer for Brooklyn-bound service, three trains are adding stops at Jamaica, East New York and Nostrand Avenue.

- The 6:57 a.m. train from Freeport will add stops at Jamaica (arriving at 7:19 a.m.), East New York at 7:29 a.m. and Nostrand Avenue at 7:34 a.m. It will arrive at Atlantic Terminal at 7:39 a.m.
- The 7:29 a.m. train from Freeport will add stops at Jamaica (arriving at 7:49 a.m.), East New York at 7:58 a.m., and Nostrand Avenue at 8:03 a.m. It will arrive at Atlantic Terminal at 8:08 a.m.
- The 8:10 a.m. train from Freeport will add stops at Jamaica (arriving at 8:29 a.m.), East New York at 8:37 a.m., and Nostrand Avenue at 8:42 a.m. It will arrive at Atlantic Terminal at 8:48 a.m.

On the Port Washington Branch, three trains are being adjusted to improve performance and reduce congestion in the crowded corridor between Woodside and Penn Station.

- The 8:08 a.m. train from Port Washington will depart one minute earlier from Manhasset (at 8:15 a.m.) and two minutes earlier at Great Neck (at 8:17 a.m.) and will arrive at Penn Station two minutes **earlier**, at 8:42 a.m.
- The 8:24 a.m. train from Great Neck will depart between one and four minutes **earlier** from Great Neck through Bayside, arriving one minute later at Woodside, and three minutes later at Penn Station, at 9:02 a.m. New departure times are Great Neck at 8:20 a.m., Little Neck at 8:24 a.m., Douglaston at 8:28 a.m., Bayside at 8:32 a.m., and Woodside at 8:49 a.m.
- The 8:18 a.m. train from Port Washington will depart one to two minutes later at Little Neck (it will now depart at 8:33 a.m.) and Douglaston (8:37 a.m.) and will arrive at Penn Station three minutes later, at 9:05 a.m.

In the evening rush hour, selected trains will arrive at their final destinations between one and four minutes later. Train departure times from Penn Station, Atlantic Terminal or Hunterspoint Avenue are not being adjusted.

Mid-Day Track Work on the Babylon Branch

On the Babylon Branch train service will be adjusted between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to allow crews to perform mechanized tie replacement between Wantagh and Babylon. The LIRR will take one of the Babylon Branch's two tracks out of service so crews can replace 7,080 wood ties along the 10-mile stretch between Wantagh and Babylon.

"We are keeping our tracks in a state of good repair to ensure the continuing safety and reliability of train service for years to come," said Patrick Nowakowski, President of the Long Island Rail Road. "To improve service we need to temporarily impact service, and we thank our customers for bearing with us for this off-peak four-week project. We have configured schedules to minimize the impact to our customers."

Eastbound

Service at Amityville, Copiague, Lindenhurst and Babylon will be reduced to one train per hour from the current two trains per hour. The semi-express trains that depart Penn Station at 9:22 a.m., 10:22 a.m., 11:22 a.m., 12:22 p.m., and 1:22 p.m. will make all usual stops to Wantagh, where they will

terminate. (These trains will add a stop at Freeport.) Customers looking for train service to Amityville, Copiague or Lindenhurst should board the local trains departing Penn Station at :05 minutes past every hour from 9:05 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. Customers for Babylon can take those trains or existing additional trains as noted in timetables.

On the Montauk Branch, departure times for some connecting trains that operate from Babylon to Patchogue or Speonk will be adjusted by up to three minutes.

Westbound

Between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., train service at Lindenhurst, Copiague and Amityville will be reduced to once per hour from twice per hour. At these and other Babylon Branch stations, departure times of westbound local and express trains are adjusted between 23 and 30 minutes later.

Departure times of some Montauk Branch trains that originate in Speonk or Patchogue and connect with Babylon Branch trains at Babylon are being adjusted by up to 41 minutes later, to ensure connections.

Other Branches

Departure times of certain mid-day trains on other branches are being adjusted by one to four minutes to ensure connections with Babylon Branch trains that are being adjusted for the track work. The LIRR encourages customers of all branches to look to the online schedules posted at mta.info/lirr.

Many Channels for Service Information

Branch timetables are available at this link: <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/>

The LIRR encourages customers to stay up to date about changes to train schedules and service. Information about train scheduled departure times is available through the LIRR's real-time service information sources:

Schedules – Branch-by-branch schedules are available in PDF format at the MTA's website, www.MTA.info, by clicking on "Schedules," then "Long Island Rail Road," then "All Train Schedules."

Email and text message service updates – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting MyMTAAlerts.com. To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

Service Status – The rail tab of the "Service Status" box at the left side of 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 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.