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LIRR to Cancel Eight PM Rush Hour Trains

Two Tracks at Jamaica Remain Out of Service While Crews Re-Rail Train Car

Long Island Rail Road employees are working throughout the day to re-rail a train car that derailed this morning at Jamaica Station. As a result of reduced track capacity at Jamaica, 8 of the 131 PM peak-hour LIRR trains are being canceled. Trains that depart within 10 minutes of the canceled trains will have added stops to help accommodate affected customers.

Customers who normally change trains at Jamaica are advised to listen for announcements and expect that transfers could take place on tracks that are different from normal.

Babylon Branch

The 4:03 p.m. train from Penn Station due into Babylon at 5:05 p.m. has been canceled. The 4:12 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Massapequa Park at 5:10 p.m., will stop 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 into Babylon at 5:39 p.m. has been canceled. The 4:37 p.m. train from Penn Station due Wantagh at 5:27 p.m. will stop 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 canceled. The 5:03 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Freeport at 5:46 p.m. will stop 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 canceled. The 5:24 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Freeport at 6:10 p.m., will stop at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, Rockville Centre, and all further stops to Wantagh.

The 6:05 p.m. train from Penn Station due Wantagh at 6:51 p.m. has been canceled. The 6:10 p.m. train from Penn Station, due into Freeport at 6:54 p.m., will stop at Rockville Centre and all further stops to Wantagh.

The 6:33 p.m. train from Penn Station due into Babylon at 7:35 p.m. has been canceled. The 6:36 p.m. train from Penn Station due into Wantagh at 7:29 p.m., will stop at Jamaica, St. Albans, Rockville Centre, and all further stops to Babylon.

Oyster Bay Branch

The 6:00 p.m. train from Jamaica due Oyster Bay at 6:58 p.m., has been canceled. The 6:16 p.m. train from Penn Station, departing from Jamaica at 6:36 p.m., will operate normally, making all stops to Oyster Bay, arriving there at 7:30 p.m.

Port Jefferson Branch

The 6:30 p.m. train from Penn Station due into Huntington at 7:32 p.m. has been canceled. The 6:35 p.m. train from Penn Station due Hicksville at 7:22 p.m. will stop at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, and all further stops to Huntington.

Recap of Incident

At approximately 4 a.m., the rear car of a 10-car eastbound LIRR train that was not in passenger service came off the track as the train was approaching the Jamaica platform on Track 8. There were no injuries reported to the train crew. The railroad is investigating the cause of the incident.

Train service through Jamaica was suspended as a result of the incident, with MTA New York City Transit cross-honoring LIRR tickets at key subway stations. At 5:39 a.m., the LIRR restored limited westbound service through Jamaica with residual delays, and limited eastbound service was restored at 6:16 a.m.

The LIRR is operating on a normal schedule for the mid-day period. While repair crews attend to the derailed train car, the Track 7/8 platform at Jamaica remains out of service. However, the inability to use Tracks 7 and 8 will contribute to potential peak-period delays.

The Port Washington Branch, which does not travel through Jamaica, was not affected by the service disruption.

