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10 Morning Rush-Hour LIRR Trains Canceled Because Amtrak Crews Need More Time to Repair Tracks at Penn Station

Full Rush-Hour Service Still Planned for Friday Evening Rush Hour, Contingent on Amtrak Finishing Repairs This Morning

Because Amtrak crews did not finish track repair work by 4 a.m. as promised and because they did not grant access to tracks overnight so that Long Island Rail Road could pre-position trains, LIRR is forced to once again operate a reduced morning rush-hour schedule this morning, which impacts 14 trains. The LIRR normally operates 144 morning rush hours train, 98 of which go to Penn Station.

LIRR must cancel 10 trains to Penn Station between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m., terminate three trains at Jamaica, and divert one train to Hunterspoint Avenue, Queens, because of reduced tracks available by Amtrak.

New York City Transit will cross-honor LIRR tickets at Jamaica, Atlantic Terminal and Hunterspoint Avenue.

Below are details of the impacted rush hour trains, by branch.

Babylon Branch

The 6:13 a.m. train from Massapequa Park due into Penn Station at 7:08 a.m. is canceled. Customers can take the 6:26 a.m. train from Massapequa Park due into Penn Station at 7:22 a.m., which will have a stop added at St. Albans.

The 6:31 a.m. train from Lindenhurst due into Penn Station at 7:33 a.m. is canceled. Customers can take the 6:32 a.m. from Babylon due into Penn Station at 7:37 a.m. making all local stops to Merrick.

The 7:10 a.m. train from Babylon due into Penn Station at 8:20 a.m. is canceled. Customers will can take the 7:29 a.m. train from Babylon due into Atlantic Terminal at 8:43 a.m. Change at Jamaica for service to Penn Station.

The 7:48 a.m. train from Wantagh due into Penn Station at 8:40 a.m. will terminate at Jamaica. Customers can change at Jamaica to a Long Island Rail Road train to Penn Station or the E subway line for continuing service to Manhattan.

The 8:10 a.m. train from Freeport due into Penn Station at 8:50 a.m. is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:45 a.m. train from Babylon due into Penn Station at 8:56 a.m., adding stops at Freeport, Baldwin and Rockville Centre.

The 8:35 a.m. train from Babylon due into Penn Station at 9:37 a.m. will terminate at Jamaica. Customers can change at Jamaica to a Long Island Rail Road train to Penn Station or the E subway line for continuing service to Manhattan.

Hempstead Branch

The 7:12 a.m. train from Hempstead due into Penn Station at 8:03 a.m. will terminate at Jamaica. Customers can change at Jamaica to a Long Island Rail Road train to Penn Station or the E subway line for continuing service to Manhattan.

Long Beach Branch

The 7:04 a.m. train from Long Beach due into Penn Station at 7:57 a.m. is canceled. Customers can take the 7:23 a.m. train from Long Beach due into Penn Station at 8:22 a.m.

The 8:08 a.m. train from Long Beach due into Penn Station at 9:02 a.m. is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:03 a.m. from Long Beach due into Penn Station at 8:54 a.m., making added stops at Valley Stream, Jamaica and Woodside, or the 8:38 a.m. train from Long Beach due into Atlantic Terminal 9:26 a.m. Change at Jamaica for service to Penn Station.

Port Jefferson Branch

The 7:28 a.m. train from Cold Spring Harbor due into Penn Station at 8:25 a.m. is canceled. Customers can take the 7:37 a.m. train from Huntington due into Penn Station at 8:37 a.m., adding a stop at Hicksville.

Port Washington Branch

The 8:04 a.m. train from Great Neck due into Penn Station at 8:38 a.m. is canceled. Customers can take the 8:19 a.m. train from Great Neck due into Penn Station at 8:44 a.m., adding stops at Little Neck and Douglaston, or the 8:24 a.m. train from Great Neck, adding a stop at Woodside.

Ronkonkoma Branch

The 6:54 a.m. train from Central Islip, due into Penn Station at 8:06 a.m. is canceled. Customers can take the 6:56 a.m. train from Ronkonkoma due into Atlantic Terminal at 8:17 a.m. Change at Jamaica for service to Penn Station.

The 6:57 a.m. train from Farmingdale due into Penn Station at 7:48 a.m. is canceled. Customers can take the 6:39 a.m. train from Ronkonkoma due into Penn Station at 8:00 a.m. making an added stop at Hicksville.

West Hempstead Branch

The 7:36 a.m. train from West Hempstead due into Penn Station at 8:29 a.m. will be diverted to Hunterspoint Ave. Customers can change at Jamaica to a Long Island Rail Road train to Penn Station or the E subway line for continuing service to Manhattan.

Many Channels for LIRR Services Updates

The LIRR urges 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/lirrto 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.