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### Service Advisory: LIRR Positive Train Control, Long Beach Track Surfacing, Gibson Pedestrian Bridge Work This Weekend

#### *Busing to Substitute For Some Trains on Portions of the Far Rockaway and West Hempstead Branches*

Long Island Rail Road crews will perform necessary Positive Train Control testing on the Port Washington Branch, while track surfacing work will take place on the Long Beach Branch, as well as maintenance on the Gibson Pedestrian Bridge this weekend, June 30-July 1, 2018. To allow for PTC testing, which will run from 12:25 a.m. on Saturday until 12 a.m. on Monday, service on the Port Washington Branch will be reduced.

Please see a special timetable [here](#).

Coinciding with this work, crews will begin rail surfacing on the Long Beach Branch. From 10:13 p.m. on Friday, June 29, to Saturday, June 30, at 10:15 p.m., one track will be out of service between Valley Stream and Long Beach. At 10:39 p.m. on Saturday, to Monday, July 1, at 12:32 a.m., the other track will be out of service, also between Valley Stream and Long Beach. Departure times for most westbound trains will change on both Saturday and Sunday, while only one eastbound train, the 12:15 p.m. from Penn Station to Long Beach, will depart 10 minutes earlier than usual.

On the West Hempstead Branch, buses will replace trains starting Friday night at 10 p.m., and continuing all day Saturday, between Valley Stream and West Hempstead, while the LIRR performs track and bridge maintenance work in the Valley Stream area. Trains on this branch will have adjusted schedules and affected connections on Sunday.

On Saturday, June 30, the Far Rockaway Branch will be out of service from 10:10 p.m. until Sunday, July 1, at 11:45 p.m., while crews perform structural maintenance on the Gibson pedestrian bridge in the Valley Stream area. Buses will substitute for trains starting Saturday night at 10 p.m., and continue all day Sunday between Far Rockaway and Jamaica. Details on this busing service are below.

Some trains on other branches will operate on adjusted schedules or connections. Please refer to these special timetables for specific train information: [Babylon Branch](#), [Far Rockaway Branch](#), [Hempstead Branch](#), [Long Beach Branch](#), [Montauk Branch](#), [Oyster Bay Branch](#), [Port Jefferson Branch](#), [Port Washington Branch](#), [West Hempstead Branch](#).

**West Hempstead Branch** – From 10 p.m. Friday, June 29, and all day Saturday, June 30, 2018:

- Eastbound: Customers traveling to stations Westwood through West Hempstead will detrain at Valley Stream and board buses for their final destinations. Customers should expect up to 18 minutes additional travel time.
- Westbound: Customers at stations West Hempstead through Westwood will board buses at their stations up to 34 minutes later than normal for Valley Stream, where train service will resume.
- On Sunday, some connecting trains from Penn Station will depart up to 30 minutes earlier than usual. Some westbound trains will also depart up to 30 minutes earlier than usual.

**Far Rockaway Branch** – From 10 p.m. Saturday, June 30, and all day Sunday, July 1, 2018:

- Eastbound: Customers traveling to stations Locust Manor through Far Rockaway will detrain in Jamaica for bus service to their final destination, and should expect up to 42 minutes additional travel time.
- Westbound: Customers at stations Far Rockaway through Locust Manor will board buses at their station up to 46 minutes earlier than normal for Jamaica, where train service will resume.

#### Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about these service changes, and all planned service changes, is available through the LIRR's real-time service information sources:

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

**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.

**MTA.info** – 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 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.

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.