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LIRR to Replace Rails in East New York on Weekends of March 17-19 and March 30 to April 1

NYC Subway to Cross-Honor Fares to Substitute for Overnight Service to/from Brooklyn; Daytime LIRR Train Service Frequency to Decrease on March 18 and 31

Long Island Rail Road crews will replace rails in East New York during the overnight hours of the weekends of March 17-19 and March 30 to April 1. In order to allow this work to occur, the railroad will suspend train service between Atlantic Terminal and Jamaica for three hours per night, from 10:45 p.m. to 1:45 a.m., on these dates:

- Saturday, March 17, 10:45 p.m., to Sunday, March 18, 1:45 a.m.
- Sunday, March 18, 10:45 p.m., to Monday, March 19, 1:45 a.m.
- Friday, March 30, 10:45 p.m., to Saturday, March 31, 1:45 a.m.
- Saturday, March 31, 10:45 p.m., to Sunday, April 1, 1:45 a.m.

In addition, on Sunday, March 18, and Saturday, March 31, trains to and from Brooklyn will run every hour between 5 a.m. and 10:45 p.m. instead of every 30 minutes.

“This work is part of our ongoing commitment to keep our track in a state of good repair and ensure the ongoing safety and reliability of train service,” said LIRR President Patrick Nowakowski. “We schedule work of this nature to take place when ridership is at its lowest levels in order to reduce the inconvenience to customers. We appreciate everyone’s understanding as we undertake this important work.”

For customers looking to travel between Brooklyn and Long Island, MTA New York City Transit will cross-honor LIRR tickets throughout the outage at the stations referenced below.

Eastbound

Customers looking to travel from Atlantic Terminal should board a Manhattan-bound **D**, **N** or **Q** subway and ride to 34 St-Herald Square for a one-block walk to Penn Station to connect with eastbound LIRR service.

Customers looking to travel from Nostrand Avenue should board a Manhattan-bound **A** subway at Fulton St. & Nostrand Av., two blocks from the LIRR station, and ride to 34 St-Penn Station to connect with eastbound LIRR service.

Customers looking to travel from East New York should board a Manhattan-bound **L** subway at the nearby Atlantic Avenue Station for a one-stop ride to Broadway Junction, then transfer to a Queens-bound **J** subway and ride to Sutphin Blvd-Archer Av for connection to eastbound LIRR service from Jamaica.

Westbound

Customers looking to travel to Atlantic Terminal should ride any LIRR train to Penn Station, then walk one block to 34 St-Herald Square to board a Brooklyn-bound **D**, **N** or **Q** subway for travel to Atlantic Av-Barclays Center.

Customers looking to travel to Nostrand Avenue can ride any LIRR train to Penn Station, then board a Brooklyn-bound **A** subway for travel to Nostrand Av.

Customers looking to travel to East New York should ride any LIRR train to Jamaica, then board a Brooklyn-bound **J** subway to Broadway Junction to transfer to a Rockaway Parkway-bound **L** subway for a one-stop ride to Atlantic Av.

Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about the service changes noted in this press release 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 [MyMTAAlerts.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.