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LIRR East Side Access Signal System Work into this Weekend

Service Changes to Some Trains Friday, June 22

Long Island Rail Road crews will perform necessary work on the upgraded signal systems for the East Side Access project starting this Thursday evening to Monday morning. This work will affect some train schedules on Friday, June 22, 2018.

The new signal system at Harold Interlocking will ensure smooth and improved train service through the area, as it is a crucial piece of infrastructure containing numerous switches that route trains across the tracks that lead to Penn Station. The new system is based on microprocessor technology, which has built-in redundancies and replaces an older hard-wired relay-based signal system.

Starting in the evening hours of Thursday, June 21, until the morning of Monday, June 25, train movements through Harold Interlocking in Queens will be limited while LIRR crews perform testing on a new signal system for the East Side Access project.

To allow for this work, some train schedules will be adjusted on Friday, June 22. Special timetables for branches with adjusted schedules and connections can be found here: Babylon Branch, Far Rockaway Branch, Hempstead Branch, Long Beach Branch, Montauk Branch, Oyster Bay Branch, Port Jefferson Branch, Ronkonkoma Branch, West Hempstead Branch.

Details on service changes are as follows:

Friday, June 22, 2018:

- **Far Rockaway Branch:** The 6:02 p.m. train from Penn Station to Far Rockaway will instead originate in Jamaica at 6:22 p.m. Customers can connect with this train at Jamaica by boarding the 5:55 p.m. Long Beach-bound train from Penn Station, the 5:49 p.m. train from Atlantic Terminal or the 5:47 p.m. train from Hunterspoint Avenue.
- **Montauk Branch:** The 5:30 a.m. from Speonk and the 5:39 a.m. from Montauk that normally terminate at Hunterspoint Avenue/Long Island City, will instead terminate in Jamaica. Customers seeking to travel to Hunterspoint Avenue or Long Island City can change at Jamaica for continuing service to those stations.
- **Oyster Bay Branch:** The 6:16 p.m. train from Penn Station to Oyster Bay will instead originate in Jamaica at its normal departure time of 6:36 p.m. Customers can connect with this train at Jamaica by boarding the 6:05 p.m. Wantagh-bound train from Penn Station, the 6:14 p.m. train from Atlantic Terminal or 6:08 p.m. train from Hunterspoint Avenue.
- **Port Jefferson Branch:** The 6:30 p.m. train to Huntington and the 6:35 p.m. train to Hicksville will be combined into one train will depart Penn Station at 6:35 p.m. and makes all local stops from New Hyde Park through Huntington. • Off-peak trains may see some stopping pattern changes, with six trains bypassing the Woodside stop, and some adjustments to Kew Gardens and Forest Hills stops. • Service impacts over the weekend will be minimal.

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.