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Positive Train Control Testing Advances on the Atlantic Branch

Service Changes on Atlantic Branch This Weekend, July 28-29; Overnight Service Suspended, Day and Evening Service Reduced

MTA Long Island Rail Road crews will perform track work related to Positive Train Control testing on the Atlantic Branch this weekend, July 28-29, 2018, necessitating service changes along the branch that connects Jamaica, Queens and Brooklyn.

Starting Friday, July 27, at 11:29 p.m., service between Atlantic Terminal, Nostrand Avenue, East New York and Jamaica will be suspended until 5 a.m. Saturday, as both tracks on the Atlantic Branch will be out of service to allow for the work to take place.

Day and evening service throughout the weekend, between the hours of 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. at these stations, will be reduced from half-hourly to hourly.

Service will be suspended again from the hours of 11 p.m. Saturday night, to 5 a.m. Sunday morning, and again Sunday night at 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday morning. New York City Transit will cross-honor LIRR tickets to use subway service between these stations from 10:45 p.m. to 1:45 a.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday overnights.

Regular train service will resume in time for the Monday morning rush hour.

Service alternatives from 10:45 p.m. to 1:45 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays are as follows:

Eastbound:

- Atlantic Terminal customers can board Manhattan-bound  trains to Penn Station for eastbound LIRR service.
- Nostrand Avenue customers can board a Manhattan-bound  train at the Nostrand Av subway stop, and travel to 34th St./Penn Station for eastbound LIRR service.
- East New York customers can walk north on Van Sinderen Avenue to the Broadway Junction subway stop, and board a Manhattan-bound  train to 34th St./Penn Station for eastbound LIRR service.

Westbound:

- Customers traveling to Atlantic Terminal can take any LIRR train to Penn Station, then board  trains for service to Atlantic Terminal/Barclays Center.
- Customers traveling to Nostrand Avenue can take any LIRR train to Penn Station, then board a Brooklyn-bound  train to Nostrand Avenue.
- Customers traveling to East New York can take any LIRR train to Penn Station, then board a Brooklyn-bound  train at 34th St./Penn Station for service to the Broadway Junction subway station.

Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about 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 MyMTAAAlerts.com. To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

MYmta app – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app will see real-time travel information for LIRR and connecting services all in one place. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route. The LIRR Train Time app also remains available for customers to access LIRR train information.

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.