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### Service Advisory: Timetable and Service Changes Weekend of February 24-25

Long Island Rail Road crews will perform testing on a new signal system this coming weekend, February 24-25, at Harold Interlocking, an important step that bolsters progress on the East Side Access project. The newly installed signal system, when it is put into use this spring, will ensure smooth and improved train service through this integral interlocking, containing numerous switches that route trains to a different number of tracks.

The new system includes improved microprocessor technology that is faster, has more built-in redundancies, and is more reliable than the older hard-wired, relay-based signal system.

To allow for this work, from about 10 p.m. on Friday night, February 23, until 5 a.m. on Monday, February 26, some LIRR train departure times may be altered, and train service on some branches will be adjusted. The LIRR urges customers to view special timetables found [here](#), for a complete listing of train schedules for this weekend.

#### Service Changes Saturday and Sunday, February 24-25:

##### Port Jefferson Branch

- Service is reduced from half-hourly to hourly, with trains making all local stops from Huntington through New Hyde Park.
- Service east of Huntington is reduced from 90-minute intervals to 2-hour intervals, with alternate connections west of Huntington.

##### Ronkonkoma, Babylon, Montauk, and Far Rockaway Branches

- Some trains will operate on adjusted schedules.

##### Far Rockaway Branch

- Customers boarding at Penn Station should board Ronkonkoma trains **3 minutes earlier** than normal.

#### Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about the service change 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.

