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LIRR Advances Nostrand Avenue Station Rehabilitation, NYC DOT Works to Rebuild Atlantic Overpass

Train Service Between Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal Reduced From Half-Hourly to Hourly Weekends Jan. 26-27, Feb. 2-3; No Service Between These Stations Fri., Sat., Sun. 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

MTA Long Island Rail Road crews will continue important infrastructure rehabilitation at Nostrand Avenue Station in Brooklyn on two upcoming weekends: January 26-27, and February 2-3, while NYC Department of Transportation works to rebuild the Atlantic Avenue Bridge at East New York Station, affecting train service between Jamaica Station and Atlantic Terminal on these dates.

To accommodate this work, daytime/evening service on these weekends will be reduced to hourly between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Overnight service will be suspended between Jamaica and Brooklyn between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. NYC Transit will cross honor during these overnight hours; detailed information on cross-honoring is below.

The Nostrand Avenue rehabilitation project will deliver ADA-compliant accessibility to the station platforms via two newly constructed elevators. This station currently consists of two elevated side platforms, and is located on a viaduct and not wheelchair accessible. Many of the station's structural components will also be addressed, including work to replace the station platforms and platform substructure, railings, staircases, canopy system, station lighting, electrical and communications systems, CCTV security cameras, and signage. MTA Arts & Design permanent artwork will also be installed. This project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2019.

For complete service details, pick up a copy of the special Weekend Trackwork Timetable for your branch, dated January 26-27 & February 2-3, 2019 or click on one of the links below:

[Babylon Branch](#); [City Terminal Zone](#); [Far Rockaway Branch](#); [Hempstead Branch](#); [Long Beach Branch](#); [Montauk Branch](#); [Oyster Bay Branch](#); [Port Jefferson Branch](#); [Ronkonkoma Branch](#); [West Hempstead Branch](#).

Atlantic Branch Service Changes - Between Atlantic Terminal (Brooklyn) and Jamaica Station (Queens)

Saturday and Sunday, January 26-27, and February 2-3:

Day/Evening (5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.):




- Service will be reduced from half-hourly to hourly.
- Eastbound service will be provided by Far Rockaway Branch trains, while westbound service will be provided by Hempstead Branch trains. In addition, trains on other branches will also have adjusted schedules and connections.

Overnight (11:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.):



- Service will be suspended during the overnight period on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.


While service is suspended, NYC Transit (NYCT) will cross-honor LIRR tickets for subway service from 10:45 PM until 2:15 AM:

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 the Nostrand Av subway stop.

- 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 stop.

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

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](https://mymtaalerts.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](https://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.