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### LIRR to Perform Sandy Restoration and Resiliency Work on Long Beach Branch Sept. 21-22

#### *Buses to Substitute for Weekend Trains Between Valley Stream and Long Beach*

MTA Long Island Rail Road crews will be out in force on the Long Beach Branch the weekend of Sept. 21-22 to restore signal system components that were damaged by Superstorm Sandy and increase their resiliency, and to perform maintenance on the Reynolds Channel Bridge, which connects Island Park and Long Beach.

As a result of the work, buses will substitute for trains between Valley Stream and Long Beach starting at approximately 10 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20, and continuing until approximately 1 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 23.

Long Beach Branch trains will continue to operate on normal schedules between Penn Station and Valley Stream. Customers looking to travel to or from Lynbrook, Centre Avenue, East Rockaway, Oceanside, Island Park or Long Beach will be able to connect at Valley Stream with substitute bus service. Customers traveling to or from Lynbrook will also have the option of traveling via regularly scheduled Babylon Branch train service. Babylon Branch trains stop at Platform A at Lynbrook.

Customers should anticipate up to 28 minutes of additional travel time.

Special train and bus schedules for this weekend are available at this link: [http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/SpecialTT/09-21\\_22-2019-LB-Sandy-Rest...](http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/SpecialTT/09-21_22-2019-LB-Sandy-Rest...)

#### Many Ways to Stay Connected

Information about the planned schedule change noted in this press release, and all planned service changes, is available through the LIRR's real-time service information sources.

**myLIRR.org** - Customers can see real-time positions of upcoming trains in real time, on a smartphone-optimized map that refreshes every 3- to 5-seconds, by logging into myLIRR.org, which is optimized for smartphone screens.

**MYmta app & MTA.info** – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app will see real-time travel information for the LIRR and connecting services all in one place, with push notifications when service is not operating normally. 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. The rail tab of the “Service Status” box at new.MTA.info is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute.

**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 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.