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LIRR Restores Full Service to Penn Station With March 9 Timetables

10 Trains That Had Been Rerouted or Canceled Resume Service to Penn Station

MTA Long Island Rail Road today announced that effective tomorrow, Monday, March 9, 10 rush hour trains to or from Penn Station that had been temporarily rerouted or canceled to accommodate Amtrak track work at Penn Station are resuming normal service. In addition, two early morning trains that had been added to the schedules to assist customers affected by the changes will continue.

During off peak hours, train times are being adjusted on the Ronkonkoma, Montauk, Port Jefferson and Oyster Bay branches to allow crews to continue record amounts of infrastructure upgrades that are underway. For complete details of the timetable changes, please see this link:

<http://web.mta.info/supplemental/lirr/new-timetables-march-9-2020.htm>

These five morning rush hour trains are resuming service to Penn Station:

- The 6:56 a.m. express from Wantagh, Bellmore and Merrick, arriving at Penn Station at 7:43 a.m.
- The 7:44 a.m. express from Merrick, Freeport and Baldwin, arriving at Penn Station at 8:31 a.m.
- The 8:03 a.m. train from Long Beach, making all stops to Lynbrook, then running express to arrive at Penn Station at 8:54 a.m.
- The 8:10 a.m. local from Far Rockaway, making all stops to Valley Stream, then Jamaica, Kew Gardens and Forest Hills, before arriving at Penn Station at 9:05 a.m.
- The 8:25 a.m. local from Freeport, stopping at Baldwin, Rockville Centre and Jamaica, and arriving at Penn Station at 9:08 a.m.

These five evening rush hour trains are resuming service from Penn Station:

- The 5:06 p.m. express to Syosset, Cold Spring Harbor and Huntington
- The 5:32 p.m. train running express to Valley Stream then making all stops to Far Rockaway
- The 5:38 p.m. local to Hempstead with stops at Forest Hills and Kew Gardens
- The 5:50 p.m. express to Bayside, stopping at Douglaston, Little Neck and Great Neck
- The 7:05 p.m. local to Hempstead with a stop at Woodside

Two trains that had been added in early January to assist customers of affected trains proved popular and will continue to operate:

- The 5:43 a.m. train from Freeport, stopping at Baldwin, Rockville Centre, and Jamaica and arriving at Penn Station at 6:24 a.m.
- The 5:12 a.m. train from Farmingdale, stopping at Bethpage, Hicksville, Mineola, New Hyde Park, Jamaica, and arriving at Penn Station at 6:05 p.m.

Many Ways to Stay Connected

Information about the planned schedule changes 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.