

Senator Phillips' Statement on MTA's Penn Station Contingency Plan

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"Having called on the MTA last month to provide Long Island commuters with alternative means of transportation into Manhattan during the Penn Station reconstruction project, such as park and ride, bus and ferry service, I am glad to see these measures being taken as part of its Penn Station contingency plan.

LIRR commuters need to be able to get to and from Manhattan. The release of this plan provides them with much needed information about how service will change and the alternatives that are available to them, so they can plan accordingly.

LIRR riders also deserve a fare cut. That's a step I called for last month because it's only fair; if commuters are getting reduced service, they should get reduced fares too. The MTA must continue working to make that happen."