
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

LIRR Labor Update

April 29, 2026



Pattern proposal

- Both parties agree about the following retroactive general wage increases:
 - June 2023: 3%
 - June 2024: 3%
 - June 2025: 3.5%
- MTA has offered a 3% general wage increase for 2026. The five unions have requested a 5% increase.
- This would set a new pattern for 2026, ahead of any other union agreement.
- Wage increases above budget have implications for the MTA, State, and City budgets.

We could fund this with reasonable changes to work rules

- ▶ Reduce the full extra day's penalty pay that is currently required when engineers operate both electric and diesel trains in the same day
- ▶ Reduce the full extra day's penalty pay required when engineers operate trains in regular passenger service, and then are directed to move the train to a yard – which may be stacked with other penalty pay
- ▶ Enhance customer service by having ticket clerks, who are now restricted to selling tickets behind a window, provide customer assistance at station platforms
- ▶ Restrict employees from working more than 18 continuous hours

Without work rule changes, who pays?

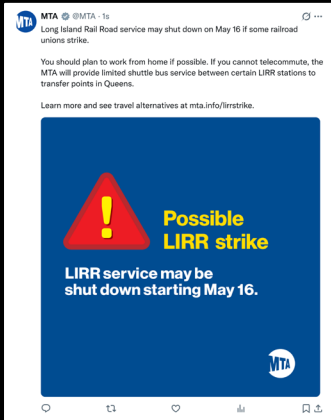
An agreement without work rule changes could need to be funded by:

- Higher fares
- Increased taxes with additional burden to New York's taxpayers
- Service cuts
- Headcount reductions

A strike is bad for everyone

- ▶ Striking employees don't get paid
- ▶ Commuters have limited options to get to work
- ▶ Riders' satisfaction of service declines
- ▶ Local businesses struggle
- ▶ The public's trust in government erodes

Potential LIRR strike: Pre-strike



Pre-strike Social



Prepare for a possible LIRR strike

A Long Island Rail Road strike could be called as early as 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2026, suspending all LIRR service.

MAKE A PLAN
The LIRR will provide limited shuttle bus and accessible service for essential trips between select LIRR stations and subway stations in Queens.

STAY INFORMED
For the most up-to-date information and details about alternative travel options, visit mta.info/lirrstrike or call 511.

Scan for updates and travel alternatives
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Pre-strike "What you should know" Flyer

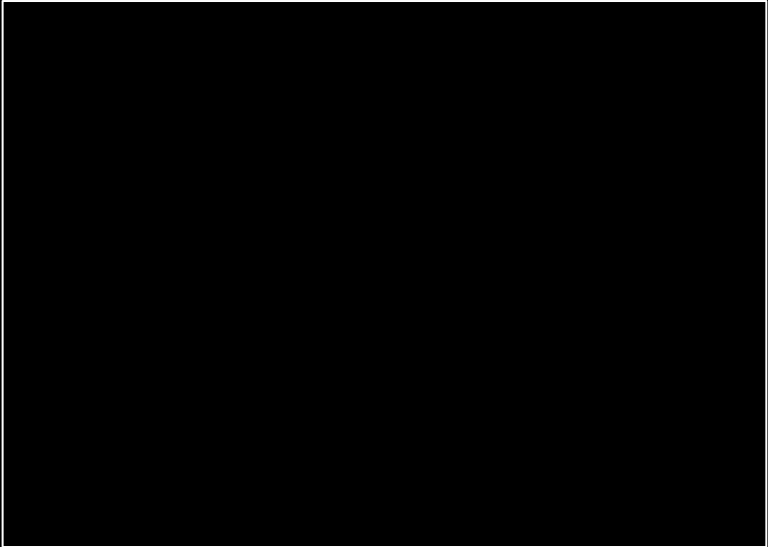
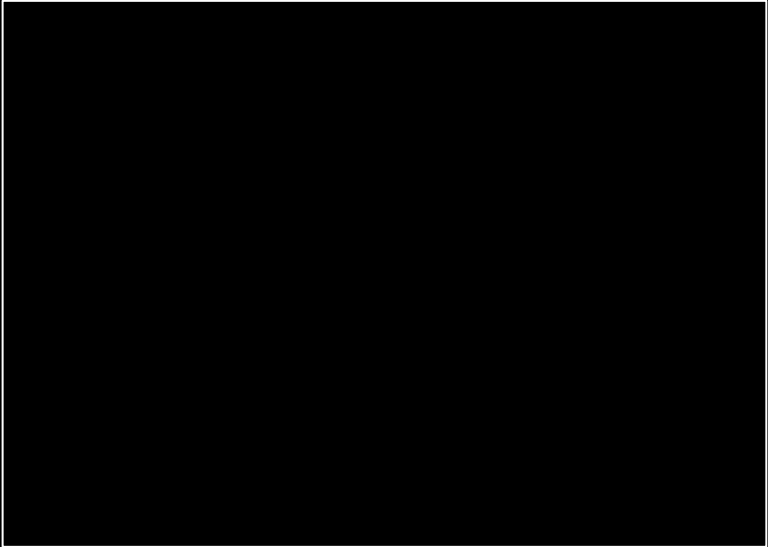
Possible LIRR strike

LIRR service may be shut down starting May 16.

Work from home if possible.

For updates and travel alternatives, visit mta.info/lirrstrike or call 511.

Pre-strike Digital Screen



Pre-strike 2-sided Printed Palm Card

Potential LIRR strike: Strike Averted, During Strike and Strike Over



No LIRR strike

Service will continue uninterrupted.



Strike Averted Digital Screen



LIRR strike

LIRR service is **shut down.**

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During Strike Digital Screen

Be safe during the strike

The third rail is live and non-passenger trains are running.

Stay off the tracks for your safety.

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During Strike Digital Safety Screen



The LIRR strike is over

Please bear with us as we work to restore service.

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Strike Over Digital Screen

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