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**LIRRCC Applauds Governor’s Announcement to Move Forward with the LIRR’s Main Line Third Track Project**

The Long Island Rail Road Commuter Council applauds the Governor’s announcement today of the Long Island Rail Road’s Expansion Program which includes a plan to move forward with construction of a third track on the LIRR’s Main Line. “This project is necessary not only to reduce bottlenecks that frustrate commuters, but also to provide for reverse peak service that is critical to the economic future of Long Island,” said LIRRCC Chair Mark Epstein.

“As Long Islanders, we are sensitive to the impacts of this project on the communities through which it extends and we note that the LIRR planners have developed strategies that significantly reduce its impacts on neighboring properties. With this in mind, it is time to move forward with these vitally important LIRR improvements and to increase the Rail Road’s capacity to handle its growing ridership.”