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The Long Island Rail Road Commuter Council comments on the life of a LIRR rider

“Today’s vote by the MTA Board to raise fares on the Long Island Rail Road caps off what has been a very bad week for LIRR riders. The week began with the revelation that equipment purchased for implementation of Positive Train Control, a federally-mandated safety system, has malfunctioned and is being recalled leaving some doubt as to whether the railroad will be able to meet the implementation guidelines. Next was the release of the proposal to reconfigure the MTA by the Governor and Mayor, which includes the formation of a Regional Transit Committee that would have subway and driving community appointments – but no mention of any representation for LIRR or Metro-North riders. Two crashes this week resulting in fatalities caused significant commuting delays. What a week, and it’s only Wednesday” said Mark Epstein, Chair of the LIRRCC