

Dear LIA Members:

The LIA would like to invite you to tour the East Side Access Project to bring LIRR trains to a new station 160' below Grand Central. As you know, the LIA is a strong proponent of regional infrastructure projects, such as the double track, third track, LIRR station improvements and east side access, all of which will help strengthen our regional economy and our connectivity to New York City.

We are helping to coordinate special VIP Tours for LIA members who are interested in seeing, up close and personal, how this massive undertaking is coming along. The tour is approximately 2 hours, and will take us 160 feet below Park Ave. We will be walking through an active construction site to see the new terminal with 8 new tracks and a passenger concourse that together will create the country's most modern state-of-the-art train station, all completely hidden from public view beneath the streets of NYC. The scope of work is really breathtaking.

This \$11.1 billion project has been underway in one way or another for decades, and is now on target to open with train service in December 2022. It will serve approximately 162,000 customers a day, eliminating up to 40 minutes of travel time for daily commuters, increasing capacity for the system, and enabling more reverse commuting.

The tour truly is a unique opportunity to see the next chapter in our region's history unfolding. The folks who have already joined us have marveled at the engineering and architecture, the ongoing planning, and the clear impact it will have on property values and job prospects on Long Island, as well as on the East Side of Manhattan. If you are interested in any of these topics, this is a tour for you!

The available dates are listed below. The spots do fill up quickly, but as long as there is room, we also welcome any colleagues or clients of yours that might be interested as well. (We will also have more tours in November and December, and those date will be available shortly - so let me know if you would like to be notified of those!)

For more information or to set up a tour, please contact Jen Solomon at 516-680-8927

- Tuesday, August 20th at 10AM
- Tuesday, September 17th at 10AM
- Thursday, September 26th at 1PM
- Tuesday, October 1rd at 10AM
- Thursday, October 29th at 1PM