


Staff Summary



Subject YEAR END HOLIDAY SERVICE & TRACKWORK PROGRAMS						Date December 8, 2022			
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PURPOSE:

This is to inform the Long Island Committee of the MTA Long Island Rail Road’s plan to provide added service during the 2022-2023 Holiday Season, as well as the completion of a trackwork program for switch installation in Jamaica..

HOLIDAY SERVICE

Christmas Holiday Early Getaway Program (Friday, December 23, 2022)

On Friday, December 23, the last weekday prior to Christmas, the LIRR will operate on a regular weekday schedule with the addition of 13 early release eastbound trains in the afternoon. The program includes our standard 11 early release trains (four trains to Babylon, two to Huntington, two to Ronkonkoma, and one each to Hicksville, Great Neck, and Far Rockaway), plus two additional Babylon Branch trains.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day (Saturday, December 24 & Sunday, December 25, 2022)

The LIRR will be operating on a regular weekend/holiday schedule.

New Year’s Holiday Early Getaway Program (Friday, December 30, 2022)

On Friday, December 30, the last weekday prior to New Year’s, the LIRR will be on a regular, weekday schedule with the addition of 13 early release eastbound trains in the afternoon. The program includes our standard 11 early release trains (four trains to Babylon, two to Huntington, two to Ronkonkoma, and one each to Hicksville, Great Neck, Far Rockaway), plus two additional Babylon Branch trains.

New Year’s Eve Program (Saturday, December 31, 2022)

On New Year’s Eve, the LIRR will be on a weekend/holiday schedule with the addition of extra evening westbound trains. For westbound customers attending events in New York City, we will operate 10 additional evening westbound trains to Penn Station. The added service will operate as follows: three from Port Washington, two from Babylon, two from Ronkonkoma, and one each from Huntington, Speonk and Port Jefferson.

New Year's Day Program (*Sunday, January 1, 2023*)

The LIRR will operate on a regular weekend/holiday schedule on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, with extra trains for those heading home after New Year's Eve events. Fifteen early morning extra eastbound trains will operate to Long Island from Penn Station. The extra trains will operate as follows: four to Babylon, three to Ronkonkoma, three to Port Washington, two to Huntington, and one each to Speonk, Port Jefferson and Long Beach.

TRACK WORK PROGRAMS

Construction Activities (Short-term trackwork items requiring a special program)

- **Switch Installation – Jamaica** – On the weekend on January 7-8, 2 main tracks will be taken out of service between Jamaica and Queens Interlocking for a period of approximately 48-hours in support of the Jamaica Capacity Improvement Project.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With 2 main tracks out of service between Jamaica and Queens Interlocking, bus service will replace westbound train service at Queens Village, and Hollis stations for a period of approximately 48 hours.

IMPACT ON FUNDING

Funding for these projects is contained in the Long Island Rail Road Operating and MTA Capital Program budget