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### MTA LIRR Provides Extra Trains For Thanksgiving Eve and On Holiday; Off-Peak and Family Fares in Effect Thanksgiving Day Through Sunday, November 25

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will be providing extra service on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21, and on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22. On the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 23, one of the busiest shopping days of the year, off-peak fares will be in effect all day, including the special Family Fare discount, and a regular weekday schedule will be in effect. Under the Family Fare program, up to four children ages 5-11 can ride during the off-peak for the advance purchase fare of 75 cents each when accompanied by fare-paying parent or guardian. Weekly and monthly ticket holders just pay for the kids. Children under 5 ride free.

The schedule on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, November 21 includes eight extra trains departing Penn Station between 2:09 PM and 3:48 PM for customers leaving work early for the holiday. Three trains will operate on the Babylon Branch, three on the Port Jefferson Branch (one to Hicksville, two to Huntington), one on the Port Washington Branch to Great Neck and one to Far Rockaway. With the earlier rush hour on November 21, six trains will be canceled and combined in the later part of the evening rush hour between 5 PM and 7 PM, two on the Babylon Branch, two on the Port Washington Branch, one each on the Long Beach Branch and the Port Jefferson Branch to Huntington.

The holiday schedule on Thanksgiving Day will include 16 extra trains for travelers attending the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade or visiting their families. Holiday travelers are urged to purchase round-trip tickets in advance to avoid paying the higher on-board fare.

#### Wednesday, November 21:

The extra afternoon service from Penn Station includes:

Port Jefferson Branch to Hicksville/Huntington:

- 2:09 PM stopping at Jamaica, Carle Place, then all stops to Huntington
- 2:25 PM stopping at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then all stops to Huntington
- 3:24 PM stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury and Hicksville

Babylon Branch:

- 2:22 PM express to Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon
- 3:00 PM stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon
- 3:31 PM express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon

Port Washington Branch to Great Neck

- 3:40 PM stopping at Woodside, Flushing, then all stops to Great Neck

Far Rockaway Branch

- 3:48 PM express to Locust Manor, then all stops to Far Rockaway

#### Thanksgiving Day, November 22

Throughout Thanksgiving Day, a Sunday schedule will be in effect. Cars will be added to diesel trains and on trains to and from Penn Station to accommodate holiday travelers. Extra service for those attending the Parade includes:

#### Westbound

Babylon Branch from Wantagh

7:13 AM and 7:43 AM trains from Wantagh, making all stops to Lynbrook, Jamaica and Penn Station

Montauk Branch

6:08 AM from Speonk, making all stops to Babylon, Jamaica and Penn Station

Ronkonkoma Branch

6:27 AM and 7:10 AM trains from Ronkonkoma, making all stops to Hicksville, Mineola, Jamaica and Penn Station

Port Jefferson Branch

6:27 AM from Port Jefferson making all stops to Huntington, Jamaica and Penn Station

**Eastbound**

Between 11:52 AM and 2:03 PM, ten extra trains will depart from Penn Station to accommodate customers returning from the parade. Three of the extra trains will operate on the Babylon Branch, four will operate on the Ronkonkoma Branch, two will operate on the Port Jefferson Branch and one will operate on the Montauk Branch to Speonk. Timetables dated November 12-December 16 contain regular eastbound departures from Penn Station, as well as the times of the extra trains.

For additional information, customers can contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center, 24-hours a day, in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers may also consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).