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LIRR Service For Wednesday, November 26th and Thanksgiving Day, November 27th

Service on MTA Long Island Rail Road will continue to improve Wednesday morning, November 26 with rush hour customers seeing fewer cancellations and delays as a result of last Sunday's derailment at Jamaica Station.

The Railroad will also provide an extra complement of eastbound get-a-way trains for those leaving work early Wednesday afternoon to begin their Thanksgiving holiday.

Hundreds of LIRR employees continue to work around the clock to repair damaged track and signals. The last of the derailed cars was safely removed at 3 AM Tuesday morning. The derailment caused damage to a 600-foot stretch of track, requiring replacement of more than 115 feet of running rail, 400 feet of third rail, 400 feet of third rail protection board, and repair to 6 switches and signal circuitry. Testing of the repaired tracks and signals is expected to continue into Wednesday.

Wednesday AM Rush Service:

Six trains will be canceled Wednesday morning, down from 12 on Tuesday morning. The work may also cause minor delays for trains passing through Jamaica.

The following Wednesday morning westbound trains will be canceled:

- The 6:57 AM from Freeport, scheduled to arrive Penn Station at 7:40 AM.
- The 8:03 AM from Valley Stream, scheduled to arrive in Penn Station at 8:42 AM.
- The 8:03 AM from Long Beach, scheduled to arrive in Penn at 8:54 AM.
- The 7:23 AM from Hempstead, scheduled to arrive in Flatbush Avenue at 8:20 AM.
- The 8:25 AM from Freeport, scheduled to arrive in Penn Station at 9:08 AM.
- The 7:43 AM from Merrick, scheduled to arrive Penn Station at 8:31 AM.

Wednesday early-afternoon service:

Nine extra trains will be depart Penn Station to accommodate customers heading home for Thanksgiving between 2:09 PM and 4:01 PM. 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, one to Far Rockaway and one to Montauk.

Wednesday Evening Service:

For Wednesday evening's rush, some schedule adjustments may be necessary and customers are urged to check the LIRR's website www.mta.info/lirr and email alerts for further updates.

Note: Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed on LIRR trains, stations and platforms from 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Eve) to 8:00 AM on Thursday, November 27, (Thanksgiving morning). MTA Police will enforce this restriction.

Thanksgiving Day Service

The LIRR will also provide extra service on Thanksgiving Day for those heading to and from the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Special holiday off-peak fares will be in effect through Sunday.

Six extra westbound trains will be provided in the morning on the Babylon, Montauk, Ronkonkoma and Port Jefferson branches.

Between 11:37 AM and 2:03 PM, ten extra eastbound 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.

Service Updates:

The LIRR will continue to update this Service Advisory as track repairs are made. Customers should monitor news media reports and the LIRR's website (at www.mta.info/lirr) for updates to this AM modified service plan and information regarding PM train service.

For up-to-date travel service information, customers can also contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center 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.

