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### Media Advisory For New York & Atlantic Railway Derailment On Ronkonkoma Branch At Deer Park

#### FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, LIRR RONKONKOMA BRANCH CUSTOMERS ARE ADVISED TO EXPECT:

- REGULARLY SCHEDULED EASTBOUND RONKONKOMA BRANCH EVENING RUSH HOUR SERVICE WITH SOME DELAYS;
- WESTBOUND REVERSE PEAK TRAINS REPLACED BY BUSES BETWEEN RONKONKOMA AND WYANDANCH;
- REGULARLY SCHEDULED WESTBOUND REVERSE PEAK TRAIN SERVICE FROM FARMINGDALE WEST;
- LATE NIGHT/OVERNIGHT RONKONKOMA BRANCH TRAINS REPLACED WITH BUSES

MTA Long Island Rail Road Ronkonkoma Branch customers are advised to anticipate service adjustments on Thursday evening, January 8, as a result of the New York & Atlantic Railway freight train derailment that occurred earlier today.

#### Thursday PM Rush Service

All regularly scheduled eastbound evening rush hour Ronkonkoma Branch trains will operate on Thursday, January 8; however customers should anticipate delays of 5 to 10 minutes.

Note: Eastbound evening rush hour trains will platform on the south side platform at Deer Park and Brentwood, rather than the regular north side platform. Customers at these stations should exercise caution when using the pedestrian overpasses or railroad crossings when getting to the north side.

#### Thursday PM Reverse Peak Service

Due to the derailment of a New York & Atlantic Railway freight train, buses will replace the following evening reverse peak westbound trains on Thursday, January 8:

- The 4:48 PM train from Ronkonkoma to Penn Station, will be canceled between Ronkonkoma and Wyandanch and will originate from Farmingdale at 5:14 PM.
- The 7:13 PM train from Ronkonkoma to Penn Station, will be canceled between Ronkonkoma and Wyandanch and will originate from Farmingdale at 7:40 PM.
- The 7:58 PM train from Ronkonkoma to Penn Station, will be canceled between Ronkonkoma and Wyandanch and will originate from Farmingdale at 8:28 PM.

Bus service will be provided in place of these three westbound trains at the following stations: Ronkonkoma, Central Islip, Brentwood, Deer Park and Wyandanch, transporting customers to Hicksville for transfer to train service. Customers receiving this bus service can expect additional travel time of up to 30 minutes.

Note: The LIRR will provide regular westbound reverse peak service from Farmingdale and points west.

Buses replace all Ronkonkoma Branch trains after 9 PM on Thursday, January 8:

After 9 PM on Thursday, January 8, buses will replace all Ronkonkoma Branch trains, in both directions, between Ronkonkoma and Farmingdale while the re-railing of the freight train is performed.

Note:

- The 8:15 PM train from Penn Station, scheduled to arrive at Ronkonkoma at 9:37 PM will be the last eastbound train to operate on Thursday evening.
- The 9:11 PM train from Ronkonkoma, scheduled to arrive Penn Station at 10:35 PM will be the last westbound train to operate on Thursday evening.

Station waiting rooms at Ronkonkoma, Central Islip, Brentwood, Deer Park, Wyandanch and Farmingdale will remain open throughout the night.

Eastbound customers will exit trains at Farmingdale for bus service through Ronkonkoma. The following eastbound trains will not operate east of Farmingdale:

- The 9:16 PM from Penn Station will terminate at Farmingdale. At Farmingdale customers will receive bus service to Wyandanch, Deer Park, Brentwood, Central Islip and Ronkonkoma.
- The 10:16 PM from Penn Station will terminate at Farmingdale. At Farmingdale customers will receive bus service to Wyandanch, Deer Park, Brentwood, Central Islip and Ronkonkoma.
- The 10:43 PM from Penn Station will terminate at Farmingdale. At Farmingdale customers will receive bus service to Wyandanch, Deer Park, Brentwood, Central Islip and Ronkonkoma.
- The 11:14 PM from Penn Station will terminate at Farmingdale. At Farmingdale customers will receive bus service to Wyandanch, Deer Park, Brentwood, Central Islip and Ronkonkoma.
- The 12:14 AM from Penn Station will terminate at Farmingdale. At Farmingdale customers will receive bus service to Wyandanch, Deer Park, Brentwood, Central Islip and Ronkonkoma.
- The 1:11 AM from Penn Station will terminate at Farmingdale. At Farmingdale customers will receive bus service to Wyandanch, Deer Park, Brentwood, Central Islip and Ronkonkoma.

Westbound customers will board buses at stations Ronkonkoma through Wyandanch for Farmingdale. At Farmingdale, customers can transfer for train service to points west. The following westbound trains will not operate east of Farmingdale:

- The 10:11 PM from Ronkonkoma will originate at Farmingdale at 10:39 PM. Customers at Ronkonkoma, Central Islip, Brentwood, Deer Park and Wyandanch will receive bus service to Farmingdale and transfer to a train.
- The 11:13 PM from Ronkonkoma will originate at Farmingdale at 10:40 PM. Customers at Ronkonkoma, Central Islip, Brentwood, Deer Park and Wyandanch will receive bus service to Farmingdale and transfer to a train.
- The 12:44 AM from Ronkonkoma will originate at Farmingdale at 1:10 AM. Customers at Ronkonkoma, Central Islip, Brentwood, Deer Park and Wyandanch will receive bus service to Farmingdale and transfer to a train.
- The 1:46 AM from Ronkonkoma will originate at Farmingdale at 2:12 AM. Customers at Ronkonkoma, Central Islip, Brentwood, Deer Park and Wyandanch will receive bus service to Farmingdale and transfer to a train.

#### Friday AM Rush Service, January 9

The LIRR expects to return to near-normal morning rush service on Friday morning. Westbound AM rush train service will resume with the 4:06 AM train from Ronkonkoma, scheduled to arrive Penn Station 5:29 AM.

#### Friday AM Reverse Peak Service

The LIRR anticipates that there may be some effect on Friday morning's eastbound AM reverse peak service on the Ronkonkoma Branch by the New York & Atlantic derailment. The LIRR will advise customers of that service plan through service advisories on our website, customer e-mail notifications and service advisories to the media.

#### Service Updates:

The LIRR will continue to update this Service Advisory as the re-railing process progresses. Customers should monitor news media reports and the LIRR's website (at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr)) for updates.

The LIRR would like to thank our customers for their patience and understanding during this period.

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.