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### LIRR Service Advisory: LIRR East End Service Expected to be Restored with Saturday Morning Trains

#### *LIRR storm-damage assessment and reactivation of grade crossing gates underway in anticipation of return of East End service*

MTA Long Island Rail Road is expecting to resume service to the East End of Long Island, in the wake of Hurricane Earl, with Saturday morning trains operating to Montauk and Greenport. The LIRR will add two extra trains for East End service on Saturday.

#### **Montauk Branch Service**

The first train to operate to Montauk leaves Penn Station at 7:40 AM Saturday morning, makes a Jamaica stop at 8:08 AM, and arrives Montauk at 10:46 AM.

In addition to the regular eastbound Montauk trains operated on Saturday, the LIRR is running two extra trains to Montauk. The first added train is the 8:40 AM train from Penn Station, which normally terminates at Patchogue; however on Saturday it is being extended to Montauk, arriving at 12:05 PM. The second extra train is the 11:16 AM train from Penn Station, departing Jamaica at 11:43, and arriving Montauk at 2:21 PM.

Regular Saturday westbound train service from Montauk is being provided with the 3:35 PM, 5:35 PM and 7:34 PM departures from Montauk.

For those customers traveling to Patchogue and Speonk, the LIRR is providing its full complement of eastbound and westbound Saturday trains.

Customers should consult the attached timetable of eastbound Saturday service on the Montauk Branch to plan their travel.

#### **Greenport Service**

The LIRR's service east of Ronkonkoma to Greenport has also been restored.

The regular Saturday eastbound service is being provided with:

- the 9:16 AM departure from Penn Station, departing Jamaica at 9:38 AM, Ronkonkoma at 10:40 AM and arriving Greenport at 12:05 PM;
- the 2:16 PM departure from Penn Station, departing Jamaica at 2:38 PM, Ronkonkoma at 3:40 PM and arriving Greenport at 5:05 PM.

The regular Saturday westbound service from Greenport is restored with:

- the 1:13 PM departure from Greenport, arriving Ronkonkoma at 2:37 PM, Jamaica at 3:39 PM and Penn Station at 4:01 PM;
- the 6:13 PM departure from Greenport, arriving Ronkonkoma at 7:37 PM, Jamaica at 8:39 PM and Penn Station at 9:01 PM

#### **Restoration after the storm**

In restoring the LIRR's East End service, the LIRR quickly assessed storm-related damage and crews are working through the overnight, in the wake of the storm, to reactivate the 79 grade crossings on the East End. These grade crossings were deactivated in advance of the storm in an effort to avoid damage to crossings gates that can be sustained during high winds – allowing for a quicker recovery.

The LIRR had suspended service to the East End Friday for safety in advance of forecasts that called for 40 mph sustained winds.

For up-to-date travel service information, customers can also contact the LIRR's 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.

Customers can also text schedule request to CooCoo (266266).

[Click here for the LIRR's eastbound Saturday schedule on the Montauk line](#)