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### LIRR Announces Winter Storm Operating Plan For Wednesday, February 10th Storm

The LIRR announced, today, its winter storm operating plan in anticipation of a significant snowstorm hitting Long Island starting early Wednesday morning, February 10. The plan provides extra, early-afternoon trains on Wednesday, reduced evening rush hour service, and , depending on snow accumulations, some temporary service suspensions for snow clearing and recovery operations.

#### Wednesday Early Afternoon, Feb. 10

Since the storm will get underway prior to Wednesday morning's rush hour and build throughout the day, the LIRR will operate extra, early-afternoon departures from Penn Station for those customers looking to leave work early due to the storm. This extra service includes 13 additional eastbound trains from Penn Station between 12:55 PM and 3:48 PM. Three of the extra trains would operate on the Port Jefferson Branch, six on the Babylon Branch, two on the Ronkonkoma Branch, one on the Port Washington Branch to Great Neck and one on the Far Rockaway Branch.

The extra, early-afternoon service is as follows:

#### Ronkonkoma Branch:

- 12:55 PM stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Ronkonkoma
  - 1:58 PM stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Ronkonkoma
- Port Jefferson Branch to Hicksville and 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

- 1:30 PM express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon
  - 1:53 PM stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon
  - 2:12 PM express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon
  - 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 Woodside, Flushing-Main St., then all stops to Great Neck
- Far Rockaway Branch

- 3:48 PM stopping at Jamaica, Locust Manor, Laurelton, Rosedale, Valley Stream, then all stops to Far Rockaway
- Ronkonkoma-Greenport Service:

After the morning rush, train service between Ronkonkoma and Greenport will be replaced with buses.

#### Wednesday, Evening, Feb. 10

While the LIRR will take all measures possible to keep train service operating throughout the system, to ensure customer and employee safety, the LIRR may temporarily suspend train service when snow accumulation reaches between 10 and 13 inches. These temporary suspensions, while excess amounts of snow are removed from the track, will continue until safe and reliable service can be restored. In dealing with the storm, the LIRR will turn on its switch heaters, operate its antifreeze trains and its regular electric train cars with special scraper shoes to help reduce third rail icing. We also use heavy-duty snow removal equipment – including our special cold-air track snow blowers and track snow brooms as well as snow jets for yards. Extra LIRR personnel will be deployed throughout the railroad to assist in keeping the system up and running and helping keep customers informed of service adjustments.

During Wednesday's evening rush hour, service reductions will be implemented through canceling and combing 22 eastbound trains – 17 out of Penn Station and 5 out of Atlantic Terminal.

The following trains from Penn Station will be canceled/combed:

- The 3:34 PM train from New York due Wantagh at 4:29 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 3:46 PM from New York to Babylon.
  - The 4:22 PM train from New York due Port Washington at 4:58 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:25 PM from New York that normally ends in Great Neck but will continue to Port Washington.
  - The 4:34 PM train from New York due Babylon 5:39 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:37 PM from New York that normally ends in Wantagh but will continue to Babylon.
  - The 4:43 PM train from New York due Port Washington at 5:21 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:46 PM from New York that normally ends in Great Neck but will continue to Port Washington.
  - The 4:57 PM train from New York due Wantagh 5:42 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:03 PM from New York that normally ends in Freeport but will continue to Wantagh.
  - The 5:11 PM train from New York due Port Washington 5:47 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:14 PM from New York that normally ends in Great Neck but will continue to Port Washington.
  - The 5:20 PM train from New York due Long Beach at 6:11 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:26 PM from New York to Long Beach with a stop at Jamaica.
  - The 5:19 PM train from New York due Wantagh 6:06 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:24 PM from New York that normally ends in Freeport but will continue to Wantagh.
  - The 5:26 PM train from New York due Port Washington 6:04 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:29 PM from New York that normally ends in Great Neck but will continue to Port Washington.
  - The 5:50 PM train from New York due Great Neck at 6:19 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:56 PM from New York to Great Neck.
  - The 5:40 PM train from New York due Seaford 6:30 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:47 PM from New York that normally ends in Freeport but will continue to Seaford.
  - The 6:05 PM train from New York due Wantagh 6:51 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:10 PM from New York that normally ends in Freeport but will continue to Wantagh.
  - The 6:11 PM train from New York due Port Washington 6:48 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:14 PM from New York that normally ends in Great Neck, but will continue to Port Washington.
  - The 6:33 PM train from New York due Babylon 7:35 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:36 PM from New York that normally ends in Wantagh but will continue to Babylon.
  - The 6:24 PM train from New York due Port Washington at 7:04 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:42 PM from New York that normally ends in Great Neck but will continue to Port Washington.
  - The 7:01 PM train from New York due Port Washington at 7:36 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:14 PM from New York that normally ends in Great Neck but will continue to Port Washington.
  - The 6:30 PM train from New York due Huntington at 7:35 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:35 PM from New York that normally ends in Hicksville but will continue to Huntington.
- The following trains from Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn will be canceled/combined:

- The 4:39 PM from Flatbush Avenue due Babylon 5:52 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:57 PM from Flatbush Avenue to Babylon at 6:10 PM.
  - The 4:31 PM from Flatbush Avenue due Far Rockaway 5:26 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 4:35 PM from Flatbush Avenue where they can change at Jamaica for another train to Far Rockaway.
  - The 5:19 PM from Flatbush Avenue due Hempstead 6:09 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:24 PM from Flatbush Avenue and change at Jamaica for a train to Hempstead.
  - The 5:40 PM from Flatbush Avenue due Long Beach 6:32 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:46 PM from Flatbush Avenue and change at Jamaica for a Long Beach train.
  - The 5:29 PM from Flatbush Avenue due Huntington 6:28 PM will be canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 5:36 PM from Flatbush Avenue and transfer at Jamaica for a train to Huntington.
- Wednesday – Post Rush and Overnight, Feb. 10

The LIRR will be using temporary service suspensions for track clearing throughout the evening on Wednesday and overnight into Thursday. The LIRR expects to operate a modified train service on its primary branches after the evening rush hour and through the overnight for customers and LIRR employees.

Thursday – Morning Rush, Feb. 11

During the morning rush hour on Thursday, the LIRR's goal is to provide train service at regular intervals on our primary branches – Babylon, Ronkonkoma, Huntington, and Port Washington – to and from Penn Station; and train service between Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal.

Thursday – Evening Rush, Feb. 11

LIRR employees will be working as hard as possible to clear tracks of snow and restore service on the secondary branches, as part of the second stage of snow clearing, with the goal of providing regular interval service for the evening rush hour.

All throughout the storm, customers are advised to check on LIRR service before heading to train stations by monitoring the LIRR's website, listening to the latest news broadcast and/or signing up for our free E-Alerts at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr).

For additional 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.