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LIRR Reducing Some Service In Advance Of Hurricane Irene Reaching Long Island To Protect Equipment

***Some Friday afternoon trains to the East End being canceled
Customers are asked to review their travel plans taking into consideration the impact of the storm***

MTA Long Island Rail Road is making some adjustments to its service in advance of Hurricane Irene reaching Long Island as the LIRR prepares to secure and protect its equipment and infrastructure from the hurricane force winds and flooding expected to hit the Island on Sunday, August 28. Train equipment - both electric and diesel - is being removed from yards in low-lying areas that are prone to flooding. As a result, the LIRR is reducing some of its Friday afternoon train service to the Hamptons and Montauk. Hamptons Reserve service will not be offered this Friday.

The LIRR is asking its customers to review their travel plans taking into consideration the impact of the storm. Because of the severity of the wind and rain associated with a hurricane, there may be a partial or full shut down of LIRR service prior to the storm making landfall on Long Island to ensure the safety of our customers and employees.

Regular train service will continue to operate with the following cancellations, or alterations, to Friday-only Hamptons/Montauk service tomorrow.

- 1:49 PM from Hunterspoint due Montauk at 4:45 PM is canceled.
- 4:30 PM from Hunterspoint due Montauk 7:35 PM is canceled.
- 5:09 PM from Penn Station due Montauk at 8:29 PM will instead terminate at Speonk at 7:13 PM.
- 7:38 PM from Jamaica due Montauk at 10:10 PM is canceled.

While the 3:58 PM train from Penn Station to Montauk **will** operate this Friday, it will run on its Thursday schedule arriving Montauk 6:45 PM, and it will not have the Hampton Reserve cars.

In addition, the LIRR is also canceling track work that was scheduled this weekend on the Far Rockaway Branch prior to the development of the storm. Additionally, the LIRR will not be substituting buses, as previously planned prior to the storm, for some Sunday morning train service on the Oyster Bay Branch for the running of the Oyster Bay Triathlon.