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LIRR to Restore Full Weekday Service on Long Beach & Port Jefferson Branches for Wednesday's AM Rush

The MTA Long Island Rail Road is restoring full weekday service for Wednesday morning's (August 31) rush hour on the Long Beach and Port Jefferson branches. Along with the restoration of this service, the LIRR continues to operate full weekday service on the Far Rockaway, Babylon, Port Washington, Hempstead, Ronkonkoma, West Hempstead, and Oyster Bay branches; as well as on the Montauk Branch from Speonk to points west.

During Tuesday evening's rush hour, limited service was restored on both the Long Beach Branch and the entire length of the Port Jefferson Branch.

"I want to thank LIRR customers for their patience as we continue to feel the effects of Hurricane Irene and our employees work around-the-clock to restore service," said LIRR President Helena E. Williams. "Our goal is to restore full service to all branches by start of the holiday weekend."

Since there are still local power outages at LIRR stations, customers are advised that ticket selling machines and electronic audio/visual train announcement systems may not be operable. As a result, customers at stations where the service is operating, and the ticket selling machines are not operating, will not be charged the higher on-board fare for tickets purchased on the train.

Restoration Work Continuing

There is still damage from Hurricane Irene to the LIRR's Montauk Branch east of Speonk and east of Ronkonkoma to Greenport – including numerous fallen trees and power outages, particularly to crossing gates. Hundreds of LIRR employees are continuing to work around-the-clock to make repairs to restore full service for the holiday weekend.

For the latest information on LIRR train service, customers should monitor news and traffic reports, visit www.mta.info or sign up for e-mail/text message service alerts from the LIRR. Customers can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477.