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### MTA Is Best Way to Enjoy New Year's Holiday

The MTA is the best way to get around during the busy New Year's Eve holiday weekend. The Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad are offering special service to help revelers safely enjoy New Year's Eve. Both railroads, as well as the Staten Island Railway are also offering extra, early-afternoon service on Friday, Dec. 30, for those customers looking for an early start to the holiday weekend.

#### New York City Subways and Buses

MTA New York City Transit is the best way for revelers to get to Times Square on New Year's Eve and to travel home afterwards. As usual, we recommend that customers purchase their MetroCards in advance.

Customers heading to Times Square for the celebration should avoid using the Times Square-42nd Street complex, since they may not be allowed to exit onto the street. In addition, the northbound platform at 50th Street 1 and both north and southbound platforms at 49th Street RN will be closed from 7 p.m. until after midnight. Riders are urged to exit at stations at 57th or 59th Streets instead and walk to Times Square.

Buses are not recommended for traveling to Times Square because of the numerous street closures in the area. Regular overnight bus service will resume as streets reopen after midnight. Following the celebration, trains on lines in and around Times Square will run every 8 to 12 minutes until approximately 3 a.m. The 42nd Street shuttle **S** will operate all night.

On Sunday, New Year's Day, subways and buses will operate on a Sunday schedule with longer waits on some bus routes. The following day, Monday, January 2, subways will run on a Saturday schedule and MTA and NYC Transit buses will operate on a Sunday schedule.

For more details, see the [attached press release from NYC Transit](#).

#### Long Island Rail Road

The LIRR will provide additional trains to and from Penn Station for the New Year's holiday. The extra service includes 14 additional eastbound afternoon trains on Friday, Dec. 30; ten additional westbound evening trains on New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31; and 14 additional eastbound trains from Penn Station during the early-morning hours for New Year's revelers returning from the City on New Year's Day, Sunday, Jan. 1. Open alcoholic beverage containers will not be allowed on LIRR trains, platforms and at stations from 12 Noon on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2011 through 12 Noon on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2012.

The LIRR will operate on a regular weekday schedule on Monday, Jan. 2.

For more details, see the [attached press release from the LIRR](#).

#### Metro-North Railroad

On New Year's Eve Day, Metro-North will operate on a special Saturday schedule; for New Year's Eve revelers, extra inbound afternoon/evening service and all-night outbound service will be provided on the Hudson, Harlem and New Haven Lines. There will also be additional service West of Hudson, on the Port Jervis and Pascack Valley Lines.

On New Year's morning 2012, outbound trains, both outer end express service and inner local service, will be provided all night on all three lines, including to Wassaic and New Canaan.

On Monday Jan. 2, a regular Sunday schedule will be in effect.

For more details, please see the attached press releases on Metro-North [East of Hudson](#) and [West of Hudson](#) service.

#### Staten Island Railway

Staten Island customers looking to get a head start on their holiday weekend will be able to catch earlier afternoon express train service on Friday, December 30 with Staten Island Railway's Early Departure Getaway schedule. This schedule means extra SIR trains will be added earlier in the afternoon beginning at 2:31 p.m. from the St. George Ferry Terminal. There will be one express train and one local train awaiting every boat until 7:50 p.m. SIR will operate on a Sunday Schedule on both New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, and the following day, Monday, January 2.

For more details, please see the [attached press release from the Staten Island Railway](#).

#### MTA Bridges and Tunnels

MTA Bridges and Tunnels reminds motorists to never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs because nearly a third of all traffic-related deaths are linked to drivers who are under the influence. Bridges and Tunnel personnel have made 310 DUI arrests at its seven bridges and two tunnels through mid-December. Those who may be drinking should use mass transit or assign a designated driver to help prevent alcohol-related road accidents.

For more details, see the [attached press release from MTA Bridges and Tunnels](#).