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MTA LIRR Snow Service Plan For Wednesday AM Rush, January 12

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MTA LIRR Snow Service Plan For Wednesday AM Rush, January 12

LIRR to Operate Significantly Reduced Weekday AM Rush Schedule Including:

23 westbound AM Rush Trains Canceled

Extremely Limited Train Service in Diesel Territory

As a result of the snowfall from the Nor'easter, the MTA Long Island Rail Road plans to operate a significantly reduced weekday AM Rush schedule.

The limited weekday train service includes the cancellation of 23 westbound AM rush trains and extremely limited train service in the LIRR's diesel territory. Additionally, there will be no diesel train service east of Speonk on the Montauk Branch and east of Ronkonkoma on the Main Line to Greenport.

The Railroad's aim is always to keep as much train service operating as possible on all branches. But to ensure customer and employee safety, **service may be temporarily suspended if snow continues to accumulate through morning service and accumulations reaches 10 to 13 inches**. These suspensions will permit our employees to make maximum use of snow removal equipment to clear drifting snow and ice from our tracks, switches and train yards so safe and reliable service can be restored.

If customers are planning to travel, they are urged to check on LIRR service before heading to train stations by monitoring the MTA website, www.mta.info, listening to the latest news broadcasts and traffic reports and/or signing up for our free E-Alerts that provide the latest train information direct from the LIRR train operations center.

AM Peak Train Cancellations:

The 23 canceled westbound AM rush hour trains include:

Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch

The 6:25 AM train from Hicksville, due in Penn Station at 7:11 AM. Customers can take the 6:15 AM train from Huntington, due in Penn Station at 7:17 AM, which will make added stops at Carle Place, Merillon Avenue and New Hyde Park.

The 6:50 AM train from Huntington, due in Hunterspoint Avenue at 7:49 AM.

The 8:55 AM train from Huntington, due in Penn Station at 10:05 AM. Customers can take the 9:44 AM train from Hicksville, due in Penn Station at 10:29 AM, which will make added stops at Westbury, Carle Place, Merillon Avenue, New Hyde Park, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills and Woodside.

Port Washington Branch

The 6:17 AM train from Port Washington, due in Penn Station at 7:03 AM, is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:25 AM train from Port Washington, due in Penn Station at 7:14 AM.

The 8:58 AM train from Great Neck, due in Penn Station at 9:34 AM.

Babylon Branch

The 5:59 AM train from Massapequa Park, due in Penn Station at 6:55 AM.

The 6:57 AM train from Freeport, due in Penn Station at 7:40 AM. Customers can take the 6:32 AM train from Babylon, due in Penn Station at 7:37 AM, which will make added stops at Freeport, Baldwin, and Rockville Centre.

The 6:59 AM train from Massapequa Park, due in Atlantic Terminal at 7:54 AM.

The 7:29 AM train from Freeport, due in Penn Station at 8:13 AM. Customers can take the 7:11 AM train from Massapequa Park, due in Penn Station at 8:08 AM, which will make added stops at Freeport, Baldwin and Rockville Centre.

The 7:48 AM train from Wantagh, due in Penn Station at 8:40 AM.

The 8:03 AM train from Long Beach, due in Penn Station at 8:54 AM is canceled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:08 AM train from Long Beach, due in Penn Station at 9:02 AM.

The 8:10 AM train from Freeport, due in Penn Station at 8:50 AM.

The 8:25 AM train from Freeport, due in Penn Station at 9:08 AM.

Ronkonkoma Branch

The 6:00 AM train from Farmingdale, due in Penn Station at 6:50 AM.

The 6:54 AM train from Central Islip, due in Penn Station at 8:06 AM.

Far Rockaway Branch

The 6:28 AM train from Far Rockaway, due in Atlantic Terminal at 7:23 AM.

The 8:10 AM train from Far Rockaway, due in Penn Station at 9:05 AM.

The 8:54 AM train from Far Rockaway, due in Atlantic Terminal at 9:50 AM.

Long Beach Branch

The 6:54 AM train from Long Beach, due in Atlantic Avenue Terminal at 7:49 AM

Hempstead Branch

The 6:58 AM train from Hempstead, due in Penn Station at 7:52 AM (715)

The 7:36 AM train from Hempstead, due in Atlantic Avenue Terminal at 8:28 AM (721)

Oyster Bay Branch

The 7:26 AM train from East Williston, due in Penn Station at 8:14 AM

West Hempstead Branch

The 5:37 AM train from West Hempstead, due in Valley Stream at 5:52 AM

AM Peak Diesel Train that Are Operating:

The following AM rush hour diesel trains ***will operate*** as detailed below:

Port Jefferson Branch

The 5:44 AM from Port Jefferson to Huntington, arriving at 6:28 AM

The 7:35 AM from Port Jefferson to Huntington, arriving at 8:22 AM

Montauk Branch

The 5:30 AM from Speonk to Hunterspoint Ave., arriving at 7:26 AM

The 7:12 AM from Speonk to Hunterspoint Ave., arriving at 9:11 AM

Oyster bay Branch

The 7:13 AM from Oyster Bay to Long Island City, arriving 8:34 AM

Customers are advised to check the LIRR's website for additional trains that may be added if conditions permit.

Reverse Peak train Cancellations:

The following eastbound Reverse peak trains will be canceled:

The 7:23 AM train from Penn Station, due in Jamaica at 7:47 AM.

The 8:31 AM train from Atlantic Avenue Terminal, due in Jamaica at 8:49 AM.

For the latest information on train service, customers should go to www.mta.info or monitor LIRR service alerts via email. 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.