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LIRR Restores Service on Oyster Bay Branch and Portions of Montauk and Port Jefferson Branches for Tonight's PM Rush

The MTA Long Island Rail Road is restoring service for this evening's rush hour – Tuesday, August 30 – on the Oyster Bay Branch, the Montauk Branch between Babylon and Speonk, and on Port Jefferson Branch between Huntington and Smithtown. In addition to this newly restored service, the LIRR continues to operate full weekday service on the Far Rockaway, Babylon, Port Washington, Hempstead, Ronkonkoma, and West Hempstead branches.

Since there are still widespread local power outages at LIRR stations on these branches, as well as others, 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.

"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."

With the restoration of the evening rush hour service on the Oyster Bay and a portion of the Montauk Branch, customers are advised that some trains will be canceled and some trains will be operating with fewer than normal complement of cars. For the restored service east of Huntington on the Port Jefferson Branch, two trains will depart Hunterspoint Avenue for Smithtown during the evening rush. Then, after these two trains, a shuttle train will operate between Huntington and Smithtown at hourly intervals in each direction.

Oyster Bay Branch – August 30:

The first eastbound train will be the 4:37 PM from Jamaica, stopping at Mineola, then all local stops to Oyster Bay, arriving at 5:30 PM.
The first westbound train will be the 8:21 PM from Oyster Bay, making all local stops to Mineola, arriving Jamaica at 9:15 PM.

Cancellations:

The following Oyster Bay Branch trains will be canceled Tuesday afternoon/evening:

Eastbound:

8:07 PM from Jamaica, due Oyster Bay at 9:01 PM is canceled

Westbound:

4:20 PM from Oyster Bay, due Jamaica at 5:13 PM is canceled
5:52 PM from Oyster Bay, due Jamaica at 6:53 PM is canceled
6:34 PM from Oyster Bay, due Jamaica at 7:28 PM is canceled
9:23 PM from Oyster Bay, due Jamaica at 10:16 PM is canceled

Montauk Branch – August 30:

The first eastbound train will be the 5:10 PM from Babylon, making all local stops to Speonk, arriving Speonk at 6:10 PM.
The first westbound train will be the 5:28 PM from Patchogue, making all local stops and arriving Babylon at 6:01 PM.

The 4:44 PM train from Hunterspoint Avenue to Patchogue will originate, instead today, from Jamaica at 5:03 PM and will **not** make stops at Mineola and Hicksville.

Cancellations:

The following Montauk Branch trains will be canceled Tuesday afternoon/evening:

Eastbound:

6:17 PM from Jamaica, due Montauk at 9:07 PM is canceled
8:53 PM from Jamaica, due Montauk at 11:57 PM is canceled

Westbound:

2:51 PM from Montauk, due Jamaica at 5:50 PM is canceled
10:38 PM from Montauk, due Jamaica at 1:35 AM is canceled

Port Jefferson Branch – August 30:

There will only be two trains departing Hunterspoint Avenue for the Port Jefferson Branch to Smithtown tonight.

The first train will be the 3:40 PM from Hunterspoint Avenue, stopping at Jamaica, Huntington, and making all local stops to Smithtown arriving at 5:04 PM.

The second is the 5:47 PM from Hunterspoint Avenue, stopping at Jamaica, Huntington, and making all local stops to Smithtown, arriving at 7:07 PM.

Then, after these two trains there will be hourly shuttle service between Huntington and Smithtown, in both directions.

Lynbrook stops added to Babylon Branch Trains

In addition to the regular Babylon Branch trains that normally make a Lynbrook stop during the evening rush hours, the following Babylon Branch trains will make an added stop at Lynbrook tonight:

4:04 PM from Penn, due Babylon at 5:05 PM
5:13 PM from Penn, due Babylon 6:19 PM
5:36 PM from Penn, due Babylon at 6:40 PM
7:08 PM from Penn, due Babylon at 8:20 PM

Restoration Work Continuing

There is still significant damage to many portions of the LIRR system due to Hurricane Irene, including flooding, numerous fallen trees and power outages. Hundreds of LIRR employees continue to work around-the-clock to assess damage and make repairs where service remains suspended.

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.