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MTA LIRR Snow Recovery Schedule for Thursday AM Rush, January 27

LIRR to Operate A Reduced Weekday AM Rush Schedule Including:

14 westbound AM Rush Trains Canceled

Train service replaced by buses east of Speonk on the Montauk Branch and east of Ronkonkoma on the Main Line to Greenport

As a result of the winter storm, the MTA Long Island Rail Road plans to operate a reduced weekday AM Rush schedule. The reduction in train service includes the cancellation of 14 of the 143 westbound AM rush trains that normally operate. Additionally, buses will replace train service east of Speonk on the Montauk Branch and east of Ronkonkoma on the Main Line to Greenport.

While the LIRR will make every effort to operate the Snow Recovery Schedule as outlined below, it is possible that - due to changing weather conditions overnight - additional alterations to the AM rush hour schedule may be necessary. The Snow Recovery Schedule is meant as a baseline to indicate to customers the level of service the LIRR intends to operate after the storm as a result of anticipated weather-related issues.

The Railroad's goal is 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 accumulations reach 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.

Customers 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 the LIRR's free E-Alerts that provide the latest train information direct from the LIRR train operations center. When at stations, customers are advised to listen to announcements and to take extra care when traveling. Stay clear of the platform edges, use handrails on staircases and walk carefully when entering or exiting stations and boarding or leaving trains because of slippery conditions.

AM Peak Train Cancellations:

The 14 canceled westbound AM rush hour trains include:

Babylon Branch

- 6:57 AM from Freeport combined with 6:32 AM from Babylon making all stops of the Babylon train plus Freeport, Baldwin, Rockville Centre, and NY.
- 7:29 AM from Freeport combined with 7:11 AM from Massapequa Park making all stops of the Babylon train plus Freeport, Baldwin, Rockville Centre and NY.
- 8:10 AM from Freeport combined with 7:45 AM from Babylon making all stops of the Babylon train plus Freeport, Baldwin, Rockville Centre and NY.
- 8:25 AM from Freeport combined with 8:03 AM from Babylon making all stops of the Babylon train plus Freeport, Baldwin, Rockville Centre and NY.

Port Jefferson Branch

- 6:25 AM from Hicksville combined with 6:15 AM from Huntington arriving at Hicksville at 6:33 AM, making stops at Carle Place, Merillon Avenue, New Hyde and NY.
- 8:55 AM from Huntington combined with 8:34 AM from Port Jefferson making all stops including Westbury, Carle Place, Merillon Avenue, New Hyde Park, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills, Woodside and NY.

Port Washington Branch

- 6:17 AM from Port Washington combined with 6:27 AM from Port Washington.

Long Beach Branch

- 6:54 AM from Long Beach combined with the 7:04 AM from Long Beach making all stops including Rosedale, Laurelton, Locust Manor, Jamaica and NY
 - 8:03 AM from Long Beach combined with 8:08 AM from Long Beach making all stops to NY.
- ##### Hempstead Branch
- 7:36 AM from Hempstead combined with 8:03 AM from Hempstead, making all stops including Queens Village, Hollis, Jamaica and NY.
 - 8:45 AM from Hempstead is combined with the 9:04 AM from Hempstead, making all stops to NY.

Far Rockaway Branch

- 6:28 AM from Far Rockaway combined with 6:40 AM from Far Rockaway making all stops to NY
- 8:10 AM from Far Rockaway combined with 8:21 AM from Far Rockaway making all stops including Rosedale, Laurelton, Locust Manor and NY.

West Hempstead Branch

8:54 AM from West Hempstead combined with the 10:12 AM from West Hempstead which operates to Valley Stream where customers may transfer for service to western terminals.

For the latest information on train service, customers should go to www.mta.info/a 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.