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MTA Railroads to Provide Special Service on St. Patrick's Day

Alcoholic Beverages Not Permitted on Trains, Stations or Platforms; Subway on Regular Schedule; Some Buses Re-Routed for Fifth Avenue Parade

The Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad will operate extra trains to help those traveling to New York City for the 251st St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 17. The Parade, which runs up Fifth Avenue from 44th Street to 79th Street, takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers are advised not to bring any alcoholic beverages, open or closed, on trains, platforms and stations through 4 AM on March 18. Any alcoholic beverages will be confiscated by the MTA Police. LIRR bar carts will not be in operation this day.

Each of the MTA's transit services will operate on a normal Saturday schedule, with parade-related service changes as noted below.

New York City Subway

There will be no 7 train service in either direction between Queensboro Plaza and Times Square. Q service will be extended from 57 St/7 Av to Ditmars Blvd. 77 St on the 6 line will be the most affected station. Depending on NYPD and crowd control, 77 St Station operation may be changed so that one entrance will be for exit only and one for entrance only on both the northbound and southbound sides.

Buses

The following local and express bus routes will be subject to detours while the parade is taking place: M2, M3, M4, M5, M31, M50, M57, M66, M72, M79, Q32, BxM2, BxM3, BxM4, BxM6, BxM7, BxM8, BxM9, BxM10, BxM11, X1, X10 and X17.

Long Island Rail Road

The LIRR is providing nineteen extra trains, nine westbound and ten eastbound, for those traveling to and from the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 17.

For details, please see the attached [press release from the Long Island Rail Road](#).

Metro-North Railroad

Metro-North will run 15 extra inbound trains — seven on the Hudson, and four each on the Harlem and New Haven lines. Metro-North will also operate six extra outbound trains — two on the Hudson Line, one on the Harlem Line and three on the New Haven Line.

For details, please see the attached [press release from Metro-North Railroad](#).

MTA Bridges and Tunnels

MTA Bridges and Tunnels urges parade-goers to take mass transit. As always, motorists should never get behind the wheel of a car if they've been drinking. Throughout the day, there will be increased vigilance at all MTA crossings to combat drunk driving.