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LIRR to Provide Hourly Service to/from Penn Station on Four Largest Branches - Ronkonkoma, Babylon, Port Washington & Huntington - for the Weekend, November 3-4 as Hurricane Sandy Recovery Continues

Hourly Shuttle between Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal Also Provided

MTA Long Island Rail Road will be providing hourly train service to/from Penn Station on its four largest branches – Ronkonkoma, Babylon, Port Washington & Huntington – for the weekend, November 3-4, as Hurricane Sandy recovery work continues. Hourly shuttle train service will also be provided between Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal. The weekend service, with a few exceptions in the overnight, mirrors the hourly service provided today, Friday, November 2. Customers are advised to pick up the special schedules at major stations.

With the hourly service restored to the LIRR's four main branches, hurricane recovery work continues around the clock – focused on returning service to the LIRR's smaller branches. LIRR employees are continuing to work around the clock to address power, signal and track issues so that we can restore additional service as soon as possible. Railroad forces are busy clearing fallen trees and downed lines on hundreds of miles of tracks in hard-hit areas, working on switches in flooded train yards, and on substations that feed power to the 3rd rail.

Two of four East River tunnels operated and maintained by Amtrak are not in operation at this time. As a result, in providing the hourly service on the four largest branches to Penn Station, the LIRR is only able to use two of four tunnels, which we share with Amtrak and NJ Transit. Amtrak is continuing their work recovering from the flooding of the two tunnels.

The free fares announced by Governor Andrew Cuomo for Thursday and Friday end at 12:01 AM Saturday, November 3. Off-peak fares are in effect throughout the weekend and the on board penalty fare will be waived. The LIRR reminds customers to hold onto their October monthly and current weekly tickets; as they will remain valid for travel through Monday, November 5.

Customers are reminded that Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 AM Sunday and clocks get turned back one hour to 1 AM. Customers should note that the trains in the 1 AM time period do not operate again when the clock is turned back.

Details of hourly weekend service – November 3-4:

Babylon Branch to Penn Station

Starting with the 12:35 AM departure from Babylon, the LIRR will be operating limited hourly service 35 minutes after the hour going to Penn Station – with the exception of the 2:35 AM hour. Eastbound, the hourly service will start with the 1:04 AM departure from Penn Station and continue at 4 minutes past the hour through 11:04 PM. There will be no 12:04 AM train. [Click here to view full hourly Babylon Branch schedule.](#)

Port Jefferson Branch service between Huntington and Penn Station

Starting with the 12:35 AM departure from Huntington, the LIRR will be operating limited hourly service 35 minutes after the hour going to Penn Station – with the exception of the 4:35 AM hour. Eastbound, the hourly service will start with the 1:00 AM departure from Penn Station to Huntington, and continue at the top of the hour through 11:00 PM – there will be no 12:00 AM train. [Click here to view the full hourly Port Jefferson Branch schedule \(from Huntington\).](#)

Ronkonkoma Branch to Penn Station

Starting with the 12:37 AM departure from Ronkonkoma, the LIRR will be operating limited hourly service 37 minutes after the hour going to Penn Station – with the exception of the 2:37 AM hour. Eastbound, the hourly service will start with the 1:08 AM departure from Penn Station and continue at 8 minutes past the hour through 11:08 PM. There will be no 12:08 AM train. [Click here to view the full hourly Ronkonkoma Branch schedule.](#)

Port Washington Branch service to Penn Station

Limited hourly shuttle train service between Port Washington and Penn Station is continuing with westbound trains departing Port Washington every 35 minutes past the hour and eastbound trains departing Penn Station every 14 minutes past the hour. Customers are advised to be dropped off at the Great Neck Station, as limited parking is available. [Click here to view the full hourly Port Washington Branch schedule \(from Great Neck\).](#)

Jamaica –Atlantic Terminal Shuttle

LIRR is operating hourly service between Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, and Jamaica, Queens. Eastbound trains depart Atlantic Terminal at 54 minutes after the hour. Westbound trains depart Jamaica at 45 minutes after the hour.

LIRR Customers Should Anticipate Crowding

Because service will be limited, waits will be longer and trains will be more crowded. The LIRR will make every effort to add additional trains whenever possible, if crowding conditions warrant.

For More Information

The LIRR will provide Service Advisories around the clock, as required. Customers should monitor news reports, the MTA website, www.mta.info, and sign up for free [E-Alerts](#) for updates on LIRR service. Customers can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and say: Long Island Rail Road. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.