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LIRR

IMMEDIATE

MTA LIRR Makes Schedule Improvements for Tuesday, Nov. 6 - including Restoration of Train Service to Riverhead, with Bus Service between Riverhead & Greenport

Other Adjustments Include: Operating Modified Train Service to Hunterspoint Avenue, and Added Freeport-Atlantic Terminal Trains; LIRR Continues to Operate a Modified Schedule on All Branches Except the Long Beach Branch, and East of Speonk on the ...

MTA Long Island Rail Road will be restoring train service between Ronkonkoma and Riverhead on Tuesday, November 6 with connecting bus service to operate between Riverhead and Greenport. Other schedule improvements for Tuesday include: the restoration of modified service to Hunterspoint Avenue and the addition of Freeport-Atlantic Terminal trains that stop at Freeport, Baldwin, Rockville Centre, Lynbrook, Valley Stream, Rosedale, Laurelton, Locust Manor and Jamaica.

The LIRR will continue operating on a modified schedule on all branches except the Long Beach Branch and east of Speonk on the Montauk Branch. The LIRR's modified service is required since two of Amtrak's four East River tunnels are out of service from flooding associated with Hurricane Sandy.

The LIRR is only able to operate at 45 percent of its normal capacity in the remaining two tunnels we share with Amtrak and NJ Transit. Amtrak is continuing their recovery work on the two tunnels.

Customers should anticipate delays of 10-15 minutes due to reduced train capacity in Amtrak's East River tunnels and heavy passenger loading system-wide.

Trains on the easternmost portion of the system – east of Riverhead and east of Speonk on the Montauk Branch – will not operate since more than half of the crossing gates and signals are still without power.

LIRR employees are continuing to work around the clock to address power, signal and track issues on the Long Beach Branch, on the Ronkonkoma Branch east of Riverhead and on the Montauk Branch east of Speonk so that we can restore additional service as soon as possible.

The LIRR carried approximately 69,000 customers during the AM Peak period today. This represents 77 percent of the LIRR's regular AM Peak ridership of 90,000 customers.

Restored Riverhead Train Service

The restored westbound service between Riverhead and Ronkonkoma includes five train departures from Riverhead for connections to points west at Ronkonkoma. There are five eastbound train departures from Ronkonkoma to Riverhead. Connecting bus service will operate between Riverhead and Greenport, since trains are not able to operate through this section of track until a track washout at Mattituck is repaired.

Customers can find a special modified timetable for their branch on line at www.mta.info with all the details on train departure times.

Off-peak fares will be in effect. Currently, the on board penalty fare is being waived.

LIRR Customers Should Anticipate Crowding

Because service will be limited, waits will be longer and trains will be more crowded. In the evening rush hour, customers should expect crowded conditions in Penn Station. Customers are advised to stagger work hours and travel in off-peak hours, if possible, to help reduced crowding in the peak periods.

Parking at Stations

The following municipalities waived parking restrictions through Wednesday, November 7 at LIRR Stations that require town or village resident permits:

| Nassau County | Suffolk County |
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| Town of Hempstead | Town of Babylon |
| Town of North Hempstead | Town of Islip |
| City of Glen Cove | Town of Smithtown |
| Village of Lynbrook | Town of Huntington |
| Village of Rockville Centre | Town of Brookhaven |
| | Village of Patchogue |

While customers can park in lots that require a town or village resident permit in the above municipalities, customers still have to pay for parking meters or for any daily use fees that may apply, and adhere to traffic/parking rules.

For More Information

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.