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LIRR to Operate on a Weekday Schedule with Some Canceled/Diverted trains in the AM & PM Rush Starting Monday, November 12

LIRR has resumed its modified schedule on all branches except the Long Beach Branch this morning after weather related delays and service suspensions Wednesday night. Customers should expect some weather-related delays as well as longer waits and crowded cars resulting from reduced train capacity in the East River tunnels and heavy passenger volume system-wide.

This reduced level of service is still required because two of Amtrak's four East River tunnels remain out of service as the result of flooding associated with Hurricane Sandy. Using the remaining two tunnels we share with Amtrak and NJ Transit, the LIRR is running at about 45 percent of its normal capacity. Amtrak is continuing their recovery work on the two tunnels.

Service on the Long Beach Branch remains suspended due to damage sustained by Hurricane Sandy. LIRR employees are continuing to work around the clock to address power, signal and track issues on the Long Beach Branch – particularly in the Long Beach train yard which suffered significant damage from salt water flooding – so that we can restore train service as soon as possible. In addition, there is ongoing work to restore power to crossing gates on the eastern portion of our system. LIRR personnel are also repairing a culvert under the track at Mattituck – where buses are operating between Riverhead and Greenport.

Customers can find a special modified timetable for their branch on line at www.mta.info to find out train departure times. They should also 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.