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MTA Service for Thanksgiving Weekend

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) services will operate on special schedules on Wednesday, November 21, through Sunday, November 25, in honor of the Thanksgiving weekend. Details for each of the MTA's services follow.

New York City Subways and Buses

MTA buses and subways will operate on a Sunday schedule on Thanksgiving Day. The closest subway stations to the start of the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade are the **1** at 81st Street. There will be additional service on the 42nd Street **S** line. A number of bus routes will be impacted by the parade. On Black Friday, November 23, traditionally one of the busiest shopping days of the year, service will operate on a weekday schedule with some exceptions.

Long Island Rail Road

The LIRR will operate additional trains on Wednesday, November 21, and on Thanksgiving. On Black Friday, the LIRR will run a near-normal weekday train schedule even though off-peak fares will be in effect all day. Off-peak fares will be in effect for the entire four-day holiday weekend, and customers can use the Family Fare discount, in which children aged 5-11 ride for just 75¢ each. Parking will be free at many stations.

Thanksgiving weekend marks the start of extra weekend trains that will run for six holiday weekends, through December 30. For details,

please see the press release from the Long Island Rail Road.

Metro-North Railroad

Metro-North will operate extra trains on Wednesday, November 21, departing Grand Central beginning at 1 p.m. On Thanksgiving Day, Metro-North will operate a holiday schedule with extra AM inbound service for those going to see the Macys Parade, and extra late morning and early afternoon outbound service. On Black Friday, Metro-North will operate a Saturday schedule with lots of extra service during the AM and PM peak periods.

Off-peak fares will be in effect for the entire four-day holiday weekend, and customers traveling in groups should consider sharing a 10-trip ticket for savings. Parking will be free at many stations.

Metro-North is also operating extra weekend trains – Shoppers' Specials – on the New Haven Line, Harlem Line and Hudson Line from November 17 through December 30.

For details, please see the press release from Metro-North Railroad.

Staten Island Railway

Staten Island customers looking to get a head start on their holiday weekend will be able to catch earlier afternoon express train service on Wednesday, November 21, with extra SIR trains added earlier in the afternoon beginning at 2:31 p.m. from the St. George Ferry Terminal. There will be one express train and one local train awaiting every boat until 7:50 p.m.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 22, SIR will operate a Sunday schedule, while on Black Friday, trains will run on a regular weekday schedule.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels

To ease travel for its customers this Thanksgiving, routine maintenance and temporary construction work at all MTA Bridges and Tunnels crossings will be suspended beginning at noon on Wednesday, November 21, until early Monday morning, November 26.

For more information, please see the press release from MTA Bridges and Tunnels.