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LIRR                                                                              IMMEDIATE

### Storm Recovery Update: LIRR To Restore Near-Normal Weekend Service On Most Branches by Sunday Morning

The Long Island Rail Road plans to operate service on a nearly-normal weekend schedule tomorrow (Sunday) on most branches as recovery efforts continue from Nemo, which dumped up to 30 inches of snow on parts of the Island.

By 8:00 a.m. tomorrow, the railroad plans to restore weekend operations on Far Rockaway, Long Beach, Hempstead and Oyster Bay branches in addition to the LIRR's four busiest branches - Ronkonkoma, Huntington, Babylon and Port Washington.

The LIRR will not operate service tomorrow morning east of Ronkonkoma, east of Babylon or east of Huntington. Customers are advised to expect delays as recovery efforts continue and build in extra travel time. Please consult www.mta.info for the latest information.

The LIRR currently is operating limited service between Penn Station and Babylon, Farmingdale, Huntington, and Port Washington. The railroad is working to restore service between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma. Third rail icing has caused problems between Hicksville and Ronkonkoma on the Main Line.

"Until service is fully restored, our crews will continue working around the clock clearing snow and ice from the tracks, clearing yards, inspecting signals, train equipment, switches and grade crossings," said LIRR President Helena Williams. "The biggest tasks right now are removing snow and clearing ice from the third rail."

Following a storm of this magnitude and resulting service suspensions, equipment and train crews need to be repositioned in order to restore full service. Road closures have hampered the LIRR's ability to get crews and equipment to key locations. More than 1,200 LIRR employees worked before, during and after the storm to restore as much service as possible and clear station platforms. The LIRR is keeping station waiting rooms open throughout the storm period.