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### Storm Recovery Update: LIRR Will Be Running Near-Normal Weekday Service On Most Branches for Monday AM Peak

#### *Ten Train Cancellations Are Planned and Customers Should Anticipate Some Weather-Related Delays and Should Allow for Extra Travel Time*

Train service on the Long Island Rail Road will operate on a nearly-normal weekday schedule on most branches tomorrow, Monday, February 11, with some cancellations planned.

Ten trains will be cancelled in the AM (out of 143 normal AM rush hour trains). Customers can find the list of 10 cancellations by referring to 'Modified Schedule 1,' which can be found at this link on the Long Island Rail Road website: <http://mta.info/lirr/Timetable/Modified.htm>. It is one of four modified schedules adopted by the LIRR last year and posted permanently on the LIRR website so that customers are aware in advance which trains are running as the Railroad recovers from a major storm like Nemo, which dumped up to 30 inches on parts of Long Island.

Customers are urged to allow extra time for travel on Monday because scattered weather related delays are likely as the LIRR continues to recover from the storm. Some of the LIRR's trains, yards, switches and tracks were buried under two feet or more of snow. LIRR employees have worked around the clock to clear the equipment, track and stations. But customers should use caution because some station platforms and walkways remain icy.

The LIRR will be offering customers near normal weekday train service on nine of its 11 branches, including its City Zone and the Babylon, Port Washington, Port Jefferson, Far Rockaway, Long Beach, Hempstead, West Hempstead and Oyster Bay Branches.

In the AM, the LIRR will not run trains east of Speonk on the Montauk or east of Ronkonkoma to Greenport. Roads to Greenport reportedly are currently not passable so busing between Ronkonkoma to Greenport will only occur if roads have been cleared. There will be no busing on the Montauk Branch.

#### 'Kiss & Ride'

Parking may be an issue at some LIRR stations in Suffolk that have not been plowed although LIRR has brought in extra LIRR forces and private contractors to clear at least some of Ronkonkoma parking areas prior to AM rush. That effort is continuing. Customers are advised to consider getting a lift to their LIRR station in the AM to avoid parking hassles.

See list attached of LIRR stations where lots have been cleared of snow and parking is available.

#### Modified Schedule 1 Cancellations:

Under Modified Schedule 1, the following 10 trains that normally run on weekday mornings will be cancelled.

#### Babylon Branch

- The 6:57 AM train from Freeport due NY at 7:40 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:32 AM train from Babylon due NY at 7:37 AM with added stops at Freeport, Baldwin, and Rockville Centre.
- The 7:29 AM train from Freeport due NY at 8:13 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:11 AM train from Massapequa Park due NY 8:08 AM with added stops at Freeport, Baldwin, and Rockville Centre.
- The 8:10 AM train from Freeport due NY at 8:50 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:45 AM train from Babylon due NY 8:56 AM with added stops at Freeport, Baldwin, and Rockville Centre.
- The 8:25 AM train from Freeport due NY at 9:08 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:03 AM train from Babylon due NY at 9:11 AM with added stops at Freeport, Baldwin, and Rockville Centre.

#### Far Rockaway Branch

- The 8:10 AM train from Far Rockaway due NY at 9:05 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:21 AM train from Far Rockaway due NY at 9:17 AM with added stops at Rosedale, Laurelton, and Locust Manor.

#### Hempstead Branch:

- The 7:36 AM train from Hempstead due Atlantic Terminal at 8:28 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:03 AM train from Hempstead due NY at 8:51 AM with added stops at Queens Village, Hollis, and Jamaica. Customers for Atlantic Terminal change at Jamaica.

**Long Beach Branch:**

- The 8:03 AM train from Long Beach due NY at 8:54 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:08 AM train from Long Beach due NY at 9:02 AM

**Port Jefferson/Huntington Branch:**

- The 6:25 AM train from Hicksville due NY at 7:11 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:15 AM train from Huntington due NY at 7:17 AM with added stops at Carle Place, Merillon Avenue, and New Hyde Park. The 5:44 AM train from Port Jefferson due NY 7:20 AM will add a stop at Hicksville.

**Port Washington Branch:**

- The 6:17 AM train from Port Washington due NY at 7:03 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:27 AM train from Port Washington due NY at 7:14 AM.

**West Hempstead Branch:**

- The 8:54 AM train from West Hempstead due 9:40 AM at Atlantic Terminal is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 10:12 AM from West Hempstead which will terminate at Valley Stream where customers will need to transfer to trains to Atlantic Terminal and NY.

**Lessons Learned on Being Informed During Major Outages**

The best way to be prepared for the unexpected is to be informed. The LIRR urges customers to:

- Sign up for free email or text message service updates.
- Visit our website for periodic service updates.
- Listen to the radio and television news: During any storm or emergency, this is the fastest way to find out how train service is affected. We will continuously provide information to the media.
- Call our Travel Information Center by dialing 511 and saying "LIRR". The Travel Information Center will be fully staffed, and there will also be a taped message describing our current service conditions. Please be aware that the volume of calls at the Travel Information Center will dramatically increase during a weather emergency, and you may experience delays getting through.
- Make sure you pick up a current LIRR timetable, as it will provide you with a frame of reference for train departure times at your station if severe weather requires us to run other than our normal schedule.
- At Your Station, listen closely for public address announcements if you are in Penn Station, Atlantic Terminal, or at a station on one of our branches.
- Depending on weather and service conditions, Long Island Rail Road employees will be on hand to answer questions about service and, if necessary, alternative means of travel.

**LIRR Stations Where Snow Has Been Cleared from Parking Lots**

(Updated Sunday, February 10, 2013 at 6 PM)

For station specific parking information, go to <http://lirr42.mta.info/stations.php#M>, choose station and open 'Parking, Bus and Taxi Information (pdf)' for detailed parking map.

**Babylon Branch**

- **Babylon Station**- permit and metered parking
- **Lindenhurst Station**- permit, free/unrestricted and metered parking
- **Copiapue Station**- free/unrestricted parking
- **Amityville Station**- permit, free/unrestricted, and metered parking
- **Massapequa Park Station**- permit required
- **Massapequa Station**- permit required
- **Seaford Station**- permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **Wantagh Station**- permit required
- **Bellmore Station**- permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **Merrick Station**- free/unrestricted parking
- **Freeport Station**- permit and free/unrestricted parking (north side not done)
- **Baldwin Station**- permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **Rockville Centre Station**- permit required

**Far Rockaway Branch**

- **Far Rockaway Station-** free/unrestricted parking
- **Inwood Station-** permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **Lawrence Station-** permit, free/unrestricted, and metered parking
- **Cedarhurst Station-** permit, free/unrestricted, and metered parking
- **Hewlett Station-** free/unrestricted parking (not verified)
- **Gibson Station-** permit required(not verified)
- **Valley Stream Station-** permit and metered parking
- **Rosedale Station-** free/unrestricted and metered parking
- **Laurelton Station-** free/unrestricted parking

**Hempstead Branch**

- **Nassau Blvd Station-** permit required
- **Stewart Manor Station-** permit required
- **Floral Park Station-** permit and metered parking

**Long Beach Branch**

- **Long Beach Station-** permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **Island Park Station-** permit and metered parking
- **Oceanside Station-** permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **East Rockaway Station-** permit and metered parking
- **Centre Avenue Station-** permit and metered parking
- **Lynbrook Station-** permit and metered parking

**Montauk Branch**

- **Speonk Station-** free/unrestricted parking
- **Patchogue Station-** permit, free/unrestricted, and metered parking
- **Great River Station-** free/unrestricted parking
- **Islip Station-** free/unrestricted parking

**Oyster Bay Branch**

- **Oyster Bay Station-** free/unrestricted parking
- **Locust Valley Station-** permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **Glen Cove Station-** free/unrestricted parking
- **Glen Street Station-** free/unrestricted parking
- **Sea Cliff Station-** free/unrestricted parking
- **Glen Head Station-** permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **Greenvale Station-** permit and metered parking
- **Roslyn Station-** free/unrestricted parking
- **Albertson Station-** free/unrestricted parking
- **East Williston Station-** permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **Mineola Station-** permit, metered and daily fee parking
- **Merillon Ave Station-** permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **New Hyde Park Station-** permit, metered and daily fee parking

**Port Jefferson Branch**

- **Port Jefferson Station-** permit and free/unrestricted parking

- **Stony Brook Station**- free/unrestricted parking
- **St James Station**- permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **Smithtown Station**- permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **Kings Park Station**- free/unrestricted parking
- **Northport Station**- permit, metered and free/unrestricted parking (south side not plowed)
- **Greenlawn Station**- permit and free/unrestricted parking
- **Huntington Station**- permit and metered parking
- **Cold Spring Harbor Station**- permit required
- **Syosset Station**- permit required
- **Westbury Station**- permit, metered and daily fee parking
- **Carle Place Station**- free/unrestricted parking

#### **Port Washington Branch**

- **Port Washington Station**- permit required
- **Plandome Station**- permit required
- **Manhasset Station**- permit required
- **Great Neck Station**- permit required
- **Little Neck Station**- permit or daily fee parking
- **Flushing/Main St Station**- permit and metered parking

#### **West Hempstead Branch**

- **West Hempstead Station**- free/unrestricted parking
- **Lakeview Station**- free/unrestricted
- **Malverne Station**- permit and metered parking
- **Westwood Station**- permit required

#### **Ronkonkoma Branch**

- **Ronkonkoma Station**- permit, daily fee and free/unrestricted parking (snow removal in progress; 20% complete)
- **Central Islip Station**- free/unrestricted
- **Deer Park Station**- free/unrestricted parking
- **Wyandanch Station**- free/unrestricted parking
- **Farmingdale Station**- permit and metered parking
- **Bethpage Station**- permit required

#### **City Zone**

- **Kew Gardens**- free/unrestricted parking