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New LIRR Train Schedules Start Monday, Nov. 11

Highlights Include Restoration of Half-Hourly Weekend Service on Port Washington Branch & Extra Service for the Thanksgiving-Hanukkah Holiday

New MTA Long Island Rail Road timetables will go into effect on Monday, November 11 with service improvements on tap for the Port Washington, Main Line/Ronkonkoma, Long Beach, Huntington and Babylon branches. The LIRR is also adding extra service systemwide for the Thanksgiving holiday period, while one switch resurfacing project in Wantagh will impact service on the Babylon and Montauk branches. This November 11 timetable will remain in effect through Sunday, February 23, 2014.

Port Washington Branch

The LIRR will be restoring half-hourly weekend train service between Port Washington and Penn Station starting Saturday, November 16. The revised weekend service will feature an additional 32 trains on Saturdays and Sundays, bringing the Port Washington Branch back to the level of service it enjoyed before September 2010, when service during off-peak hours and on weekends was reduced to hourly as part of larger MTA initiative to close a \$900 million budget gap. The restoration of 30 minute service on weekdays was accomplished in May 2012.

Main Line/Ronkonkoma Branch

The LIRR is adding the five trains to its weekday schedule for the Main Line/Ronkonkoma Branch:

Eastbound:

- 4:09 PM eastbound train from Penn Station and arriving at Farmingdale at 5:04 PM. This train will help relieve crowded Ronkonkoma and Huntington trains, as it will be making stops at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury, Hicksville, Bethpage and Farmingdale.
- 5:01 PM eastbound train from Penn Station will have an added stop at Hicksville.
- 8:22 PM eastbound train from Penn Station and arriving at Hicksville at 9:11 PM. This new train will close a 48-minute gap in service to local stations between New Hyde Park and Hicksville and help relieve overcrowding on the trains that bookend this service. The new train will make stops at Woodside, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, Merillon Ave., Mineola, Carle Place, Westbury and Hicksville.

Westbound:

- 7 PM westbound train from Farmingdale arriving at Penn Station at 7:56 PM. This new train will make stops at Farmingdale, Bethpage, Hicksville, Mineola, Jamaica, Woodside and Penn Station.

Long Beach Branch

Starting on the weekend of November 30 and continuing through the weekend of January 4, the LIRR will be adding additional service on the Long Beach Branch to accommodate greater demand during the holiday season. On Saturdays and Sundays, four additional trains will operate westbound between 9 AM and 1 PM and four additional eastbound trains will operate between 4 PM and 8 PM providing Long Beach customers with half-hourly service during these peak weekend travel hours.

Huntington Branch

During the same extended holiday period, one eastbound train has been added to the overnight schedule on Saturday and Sunday between Penn Station and Huntington. The train will leave Penn Station at 2:44 AM.

Babylon Branch

During the same extended holiday period, one eastbound train overnight has been added on weekends between Penn Station and Babylon. The added

train will leave from Penn Station at 1:13 AM.

Hanukkah and Thanksgiving Weekend

Additional PM trains will operate on Wednesday, November 27 (the first day of Hanukkah) and on Thanksgiving Day, November 28. As an extra bonus, off-peak fares will be in effect for the entire four-day holiday weekend. On Black Friday, November 29, traditionally one of the busiest shopping days of the year, the LIRR will run a weekday train schedule with off-peak fares in effect all day.

A Reminder about Greenport Service

Weekend service from Ronkonkoma to Greenport is extended through Sunday, December 1 to accommodate weekend travel to Long Island's North Fork.

Amityville & Babylon Switch Resurfacing

Switch resurfacing projects in Amityville and Babylon will require track outages over the weekend of November 16 and November 17. For most of each day, service on the Babylon Branch will be reduced from half-hourly to hourly. However, for 4 hours each night, buses will replace trains between Merrick and Babylon. Eastbound customers can expect up to 16 minutes additional travel time. Westbound customers should expect up to 24 minutes of additional travel time. As a result of the switch resurfacing project in Amityville and Babylon Branch, some Patchogue and Speonk trains will be combined with Montauk trains and extra stops added.

For More Information:

Customers can pick up a copy of new timetables, including the Special Timetables for the November 16-17 outages on the Babylon and Montauk branches, at their station or any LIRR terminal. Timetables are also posted on the MTA LIRR website at www.mta.info/lirr. Customers can also call the LIRR Customers Service Center using 511, the New York State Travel Information Line and say: Long Island Rail Road.