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LIRR

IMMEDIATE

Public Hearing on Proposed LIRR Service Investments Set for Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 5 PM at MTA Headquarters

The Public Can Also Comment Via Video at Four Locations on Long Island

MTA Long Island Rail Road will hold a public hearing on a proposal to restore half-hourly service on the Port Washington Branch on weekends and on a proposal to extend weekend service to Greenport for approximately 10 additional weekends each year.

The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 27 from 5 PM to 8 PM at MTA Headquarters in Manhattan at 347 Madison Avenue in the Board Room on the 5th floor.

Speakers Must Register

Those wishing to be heard must register in advance either by telephone or in person at the hearing. Registration in person is permitted at the hearing from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Verbal presentations will be limited to three minutes.

Comments Will Also Be Recorded at Four Video Locations on Long Island

In addition to the scheduled public hearing on August 27, LIRR customers will be able to record videotaped comments about the proposed changes. Those comments will be made available to MTA Board Members who must approve the new services. Here are the locations and dates:

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

- Port Washington LIRR Station: 6 AM – 10 AM outside the Station waiting room
- Great Neck LIRR Station: 4 PM – 8 PM inside the station waiting room

Thursday, August 29, 2013

- Riverhead LIRR Station: 5:30 AM – 9:30 AM inside the station waiting room
- Ronkonkoma LIRR Station: 4 PM – 8 PM inside the station waiting room

Proposed Port Washington Branch Half-Hourly Service

The LIRR would restore 32 weekend trains on the Port Washington Branch to provide half-hour service, effective November 11. Weekend trains now run hourly.

Proposed Ronkonkoma Branch Extension of Greenport Service

The LIRR would extend weekend service on the Ronkonkoma Branch to and from Greenport by approximately 10 weeks, providing service starting in April and extending into November of each year. Currently, weekend Greenport service runs from Memorial Day Weekend through Columbus Day Weekend.

To reach MTA Headquarters:

- By Subway: [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#) [S](#) to Grand Central
- By Bus: M1, M2, M3, M4, M42, M101, M102, M103, Q32
- By Rail: Long Island Rail Road to Penn Sta.; [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) subway uptown to [S](#) shuttle to Grand Central.

For More Information

Customers can contact the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and say: Long Island Rail Road. Customers can also visit the LIRR's website at www.mta.info/lirr. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.