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LIRR

IMMEDIATE

LIRR to Add Eight Trains for PM Rush Hour

Service to Be Restored to Normal Weekday Schedule as of Midnight Tonight

The Long Island Rail Road will continue to operate on a weekend schedule for the rest of the day today (with the addition of bus service on the West Hempstead Branch and between Ronkonkoma and Greenport). The railroad will shift to a regular weekday schedule at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, January 23. To supplement train service on Wednesday's rush hour, the LIRR will add eight eastbound trains departing Penn Station between 3:32 p.m. and 6:09 p.m. today.

Details on the extra trains are as follows:

Ronkonkoma Branch

An extra train will depart Penn Station at 3:32 p.m., stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, Mineola, Westbury, Hicksville, Bethpage, Farmingdale, and then all stops to Ronkonkoma.

Babylon Branch

Four extra trains will depart Penn Station, at 3:40, 4:40, 5:40 and 6:09 p.m. These four trains will stop at Jamaica and Rockville Centre, and then make all stops to Babylon.

Port Jefferson Branch

Two extra Huntington-bound trains will depart Penn Station, at 5:07 p.m. and 6:06 p.m. These two trains will stop at Woodside, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, and then make all stops to Huntington.

Port Washington Branch

An extra Great Neck-bound train will depart Penn Station at 5:03 p.m. stopping at Woodside and then making all local stops to Great Neck.

Snow Clearance Continues; Station Waiting Rooms Are Open

LIRR station waiting rooms will remain open around-the-clock through Friday afternoon, January 24, to accommodate customers waiting for trains during cold and inclement weather.

Customers are advised to allow extra travel time and use caution on platforms and stairs and while boarding/exiting trains.

The LIRR personnel are continuing to work around the clock to clear snow from tracks and station platforms. Switch heaters remain activated and we are operating special anti-freeze trains to coat the tracks with de-icer in an effort to prevent ice build-up on the rails. Extra LIRR personnel have been assigned to critical locations so they can respond quickly if problems occur.

For up-to-the-minute travel advisories and real time train info get the LIRR's new, free Train Time App for iPhones and Androids; or monitor our website Service Status. Customers can also call 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and say: Long Island Rail Road to reach the LIRR's Customer Service Center. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.