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LIRR Timetables Change September 8

Extra Service for New York Islanders Games and Other Barclays Center Events

Long Island Rail Road timetables will change on Tuesday, September 8, bringing better service and some temporary schedule adjustments related to track work. The timetables also allow for the railroad to run special trains to or from Atlantic Terminal in downtown Brooklyn for any event across the street at Barclays Center, including all home games of the New York Islanders.

To better help customers travel at more convenient times, the railroad is restoring two weekend trains on the Oyster Bay Branch, and adding a stop to a Port Jefferson Branch train to help facilitate reverse-peak and intra-Island commuters. On other branches, some train departure times will change temporarily because of construction work.

Service Improvements

Oyster Bay Branch

Starting Tuesday, September 8, the LIRR is restoring two weekend trains to the Oyster Bay Branch that were cut in 2010 because of budget constraints. On Saturday and Sunday mornings, a train will depart Jamaica at 1:46 a.m., making all stops to Oyster Bay. And a weekend train will depart Oyster Bay at 7:19 a.m., making all stops to Jamaica. With the restoration of these trains, the Oyster Bay Branch is now restored to the full number of trains it had prior to 2010.

Port Jefferson Branch

In response to requests from customers looking for more reverse-peak service, the 8:19 a.m. departure from Jamaica, due to Port Jefferson at 9:53 a.m., will now stop at Mineola at 8:30 a.m., allowing connections from and to trains on the Ronkonkoma and Oyster Bay Branches. To allow for the new station stop, this train will depart Jamaica one minute earlier, at 8:18 a.m.

LIRR Welcomes Islanders Hockey to Brooklyn with More Service

The timetables that go into effect September 8 allow for the LIRR to operate special service for all Barclays Center events, including all home games of the New York Islanders, which begin October 9.

Westbound

For weekend games, two extra trains will operate directly to Brooklyn, with no need to transfer/change trains at Jamaica. One extra train will depart from Farmingdale, making all stops to New Hyde Park, then Jamaica, then Atlantic Terminal; the other train will depart from Babylon, making all local stops through Rockville Centre, then Jamaica, then Atlantic Terminal.

The trains will be timed to arrive roughly 30-50 minutes before the puck drops so fans will have plenty of time to get to their seats. For instance, for a 7:00 p.m. game, the Babylon Branch train would depart Babylon at 4:53 p.m. and arrive at Atlantic Terminal at 6:10 p.m. The Farmingdale train would depart at 5:34 p.m., arriving at 6:32 p.m. Westbound train times will be posted on the LIRR's website as hockey season draws near.

Eastbound

For both weeknight and weekend games, two extra trains – one to Babylon and one to Farmingdale – will depart Atlantic Terminal 20 minutes after the conclusion of each Islanders home game. The train to Babylon will stop at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, and then make all stops to Babylon. The train to Farmingdale will stop at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then make all stops to Farmingdale.

Temporary Construction-Related Schedule Changes

Port Washington Branch

To allow for switch replacement near the Mets-Willets Point station, the departure times of weekday midday Port Washington Branch trains have been adjusted between one and three minutes later.

Babylon Branch

Because of Wantagh Station rehabilitation work and the completion of Massapequa Station rehabilitation work, the departure times for some weekday midday Babylon Branch trains have been adjusted between eight minutes earlier and 13 minutes later.

Because of the changes to train schedules on the Port Washington Branch that affect when those trains will be using tracks between Penn Station and Woodside that are shared with Babylon Branch trains, the departure times of some weekday eastbound mid-day Babylon Branch trains will be adjusted three minutes earlier.

Oyster Bay Branch

In order to allow customers to continue to make connections at Jamaica with the Babylon Branch trains that have been adjusted for Wantagh Station rehabilitation, the departure times of some weekday midday westbound Oyster Bay Branch trains have been adjusted between six and nine minutes later.

Port Jefferson Branch

To allow for the replacement of continuous welded rail between Hicksville and Syosset, the departure times of all westbound trains originating in Huntington, and some weekday midday trains in both directions to and from any stations, will be adjusted between one minute earlier and four minutes later.

Because of the changes to train schedules on the Port Washington Branch that affect when those trains will be using tracks between Penn Station and Woodside that are shared with Port Jefferson Branch trains, the departure time of the 2:52 p.m. train from Penn Station, due in Huntington at 3:59 p.m., will be adjusted three minutes earlier, to 2:49 p.m.

Far Rockaway Branch

To accommodate construction of a new train yard in downtown Brooklyn, the Far Rockaway-bound train that now departs from Atlantic Terminal at 12:14 a.m. seven days a week will be adjusted one minute earlier. As of September 8, the train will depart at 12:13 a.m.

Hempstead Branch

To accommodate construction of a new train yard in downtown Brooklyn, the 11:21 p.m. departure from Hempstead, due into Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, at 12:18 a.m., will arrive at Atlantic Terminal one minute later, at 12:19 a.m.

Ronkonkoma Branch

Following completion of summer trackwork that required adjustments to westbound midday train departure times on weekdays, midday off-peak trains will revert to their previous schedules starting Tuesday, September 8. Midday off-peak trains will depart 30 minutes earlier or 30 minutes later.

For More Information

Customers should pick copies of the new timetables, available at all stations, or find them online at www.mta.info, or via the LIRR's official app for schedules and real-time train status: LIRR Train Time™. The app is available via the Apple Store for iOS devices or Google Play Store for Android. 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. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.