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MTA Announces Service Plans for Four-Day Thanksgiving Weekend

Q70 Select Bus Service to LaGuardia Airport Free Starting Today; Extra Service on LIRR & Metro-North; Rides on Vintage Subways

Trains and buses operated by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) will operate on special schedules on Wednesday, November 21, through Sunday, November 25, to accommodate the unique travel demands of Thanksgiving weekend. During the same time period, MTA Bridges and Tunnels will suspend maintenance at its nine crossings to facilitate increased travel.

Details for each of the MTA's services follow:

Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad: Wednesday Getaway Trains and Weekend Service Details

The Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad will provide extra early afternoon train service on Wednesday, November 21, to help travelers get an easier start to the long holiday weekend. From Thursday through Sunday, both railroads will offer off-peak fares and frequent train service to make it easy to travel around the region for shopping, dining and entertainment.

For additional details, please see the linked press releases from the [Long Island Rail Road](#) and [Metro-North Railroad](#).

New York City Subway: Thanksgiving Day Service

The New York City Subway will operate on a Sunday schedule on Thanksgiving Day. The closest subway stations to the start of the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade are the 72 St [1](#) [2](#) [3](#), 79 St [1](#), 81 St [C](#), and 59 St-Columbus Circle [1](#) [A](#) [C](#) [D](#) stations. Additional service on the 42 Street [S](#) Shuttle as well as increased early morning service on the [1](#) line will be provided to accommodate spectators. To prevent crowding on stairways and platforms, some subway entrances at 59 St-Columbus Circle will be closed. The 72 St station will remain open, but trains may bypass the station if crowding develops prior to the start of the parade. In addition, select exits and entrances will be closed at Penn Station, and stations along the Sixth Avenue [B](#) [D](#) [F](#) [M](#) line.

New York City Subway: Vintage Trains Through December

The MTA celebrates the holiday season each year with its "Shoppers Special" vintage subway train, which will run up the Sixth Avenue [D](#) [F](#) [M](#) line from 2 Av on the [F](#) line to Rockefeller Center, then up the Central Park West [A](#) [C](#) [D](#) line to 125 St this holiday season. This special train of subway cars from the 1930s runs every Sunday between November 25 to December 30. The first run of each Sunday departs at 10 a.m. from 2 Av and the last run of the day departs at 5 p.m. from 125 St.

New York City Buses: Thursday/Friday Service Details

Buses operated by MTA New York City Transit (NYC Transit) and the MTA Bus Company will operate on a Sunday schedule on Thanksgiving Day. Many routes do not operate on Sundays or do not run on part of the route at certain hours. Customers traveling on Thanksgiving Day should check Sunday schedules, lines and routes.

All bus service in Manhattan may experience delays, and will be affected by reroutes, detours, and/or frozen zones, especially those routes operating in Midtown near the parade route such as the BxM2, M5, M7, M10, M11, M20, M31, M34 SBS, M34A SBS, M42, M50, M55, M57, M72, M79 SBS, M104, Q32, QM2, QM4, QM5, and the QM6. The 79 Street Transverse will be closed from 12 noon Wednesday, November 21, to 12 noon Thursday, November 22, and buses will not be permitted to cross during this time. Details will be provided at www.mta.info under "Service Status."

On Black Friday, November 23, NYC Transit and MTA Bus Company buses will operate on a weekday schedule with some exceptions listed at mta.info. Special schedules are in effect for express bus routes operated by MTA Bus Company. A listing of affected routes and timetables can be found at http://web.mta.info/nyct/service/SpecialBusSchedules_11_2016.htm

Free Q70 Select Bus Service LaGuardia Link

To encourage the use of mass transit and to ease congestion on New York City streets during the Thanksgiving holiday, the MTA and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey are offering free rides on the [Q70 Select Bus Service \(SBS\) LaGuardia Link](#) from Monday, November 19, to Monday, November 26. The Q70 SBS connects the [7](#) [E](#) [F](#) [M](#) [R](#) subway lines and Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) to LaGuardia's terminals B, C and D, providing a worry-free limited-stop ride with customer amenities designed for travelers. Stops for Q70 SBS LaGuardia Link are distinctly marked outside LIRR's Woodside Station/61 St-Woodside [7](#) subway station and the Jackson Heights-Roosevelt Av [E](#) [F](#) [M](#) [R](#)/74 St-Broadway [7](#) subway station complex. Customers boarding at LaGuardia terminals B, C, and D can spot the LaGuardia Link buses via their distinctive blue exterior design and SBS signage.

Customers are urged to allow extra time due to ongoing construction near LaGuardia Airport and increased holiday traffic. More information on MTA various services to New York area airports is available [here](#).

Special Overnight Bus and Weekend Subway Service to Jamaica JFK AirTrain

To accommodate critical track renewal work on the **E** line in Queens, **E** trains will terminate at 179 St in Queens on select late nights and weekends through November and December. During this vital work, customers traveling to or from John F. Kennedy International Airport can take free shuttle buses making all **E** station stops between Kew Gardens-Union Turnpike and Jamaica Center for service to Sutphin Blvd-Archer Av for the Jamaica AirTrain. As an alternative, customers can also take the **A** train to Howard Beach-JFK for the JFK AirTrain or LIRR to Jamaica.

The dates and times of this work are as follows:

- November 20-21, from 11:45 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- November 23-26, from 11:45 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday
- November 27-30, from 11:45 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- December 4-7, from 11:45 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- December 7-10, from 11:45 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday
- December 11-14, from 11:45 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- December 14-17, from 11:45 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday
- December 18-21, from 11:45 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- December 24-28, from 11:45 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- January 14-18, from 11:45 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- January 18-21, from 11:45 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday

In addition to the MYmta smartphone app, customers can check www.mta.info and check out the “Weekender” tab located within the Service Status Menu for Current Service Status on any MTA mode of travel that they plan to use. Remember that [TripPlanner+](#) provides travel information that takes weekend service diversions into account. Customers using bus routes in the five boroughs can also use [MTA Bus Time](#) to track real-time bus positions and gauge arrival times.

Staten Island Railway: Getaway Service on Wednesday, November 21

Staten Island Railway customers looking to get a head start on the Thanksgiving Day holiday will be able to catch earlier afternoon express train service on Wednesday, November 21, with MTA Staten Island Railway’s Early Departure Getaway schedule. Extra SIR trains will be added earlier in the afternoon beginning at 2:30 p.m. from the St. George Ferry Terminal. There will be one express train and one local train awaiting every boat until 7:50 p.m. On Thanksgiving Day, SIR will operate on a Saturday schedule.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels

MTA Bridges and Tunnels will suspend all lane closures related to routine maintenance and temporary construction work beginning 6 a.m. on Wednesday, November 21, through the end of the morning rush on Monday, November 26, to accommodate motorists traveling throughout the busy travel weekend. Any extraordinary weather-critical work that must be accomplished over the holiday weekend would occur only during overnight hours when traffic is at its lightest.