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MTA Announces Services Details for Long Holiday Weekend

Q70 LaGuardia Link Bus to Be Fare-Free on Dec. 22-23; Lots of Extra LIRR & Metro-North Service; MTA Is the Best Way to Get Around

Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced that trains and buses will operate on special schedules during the upcoming long holiday weekend.

Also for holiday travelers, as part of the Port Authority's measures to alleviate roadway congestion at LaGuardia Airport during the Peak Holiday Travel Rush, the MTA's LaGuardia Link Q70 Select Bus Service will be fare free on Thursday, December 22, and Friday, December 23. The LaGuardia Link provides non-stop service linking the main terminals of the airport (Terminals B, C and D) with New York City Subway hub at Jackson Heights (with connections to the [7](#), [E](#), [F](#), [M](#), and [R](#) lines) and the Long Island Rail Road hub in Woodside, Queens.

Holiday service details follow for each MTA service, organized by day. Additional details on Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad service changes are available in the attached press releases from each railroad.

Friday, December 23

Metro-North Railroad will be on a regular weekday schedule with 18 additional early getaway trains departing Grand Central Terminal between 12:58 p.m. and 4:10 p.m. and two early West of Hudson getaway trains departing from Hoboken, at 2:41 p.m. and 2:58 p.m. For more details please follow [this link for press release from Metro-North Railroad](#).

The Long Island Rail Road will add 13 trains between 12:43 p.m. and 3:41 p.m. to its regular eastbound afternoon schedule from Penn Station. The extra trains will be on the Ronkonkoma, Babylon, Port Jefferson, Port Washington and Far Rockaway Branches. For more details, please follow [this link for press release from the Long Island Rail Road](#).

Staten Island Railway customers looking to get a head start on the Christmas holiday will be able to catch earlier afternoon express train service with the 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.

Saturday, December 24

The New York City Subway and Staten Island Railway will operate on a Saturday schedule.

New York City buses will operate on Saturday schedules with minor timing changes.

The LIRR will operate on a regular weekend/holiday schedule with four extra westbound trains and six extra eastbound trains. Metro-North's East of Hudson service will operate a regular Saturday schedule. Metro-North's West of Hudson service will operate on a regular weekend schedule.

Sunday, December 25

New York City subways will operate on a Sunday schedule, and buses will operate on a Holiday schedule. The Staten Island Railway will operate on a Sunday schedule.

The LIRR will operate on a regular weekend/holiday schedule with four extra westbound trains and six extra eastbound trains. Metro-North's East of Hudson service will operate a regular Sunday schedule. Metro-North's West of Hudson service will operate on a regular weekend schedule.

Monday, December 26

The New York City Subway, New York City buses, and Staten Island Railway will operate on a Sunday schedule. Metro-North's East of Hudson service will operate a Saturday schedule with additional Shoppers' Specials trains on the Hudson and New Haven Lines. A weekend schedule will operate on the West of Hudson Lines.

