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Long Island Rail Road to Enhance Service to East End of Long Island

LIRR to Add Cars to North Fork Trains; New Trains for Fire Island-Bound Customers Will Reduce Crowding on Hamptons Trains; Changes Will Improve Accessibility to East End Businesses and Boost Economy

More people than ever want to visit the beautiful East End of Long Island during summer weekends, and the Long Island Rail Road is adding train service to meet that demand and reduce crowding on trains. The improved, all-new service begins tomorrow, Friday, July 1, and runs every Friday through September 2.

"The changes we are launching will make it easier to get to eastern Long Island's popular getaway destinations," said LIRR President Patrick Nowakowski. "That means more customers for the region's businesses and a stronger economy on the East End of Long Island."

On the North Fork, the LIRR is adding cars to the trains that serve the North Fork stations en route to and from Greenport.

On the South Fork, the LIRR is adding two trains that are timed to connect with Fire Island ferries at Bay Shore, Sayville and Patchogue. With these new trains catering specifically to Fire Island-bound customers, the LIRR expects reduced crowding on existing Hamptons-bound trains.

"By creating all-new service specifically for customers heading toward Fire Island, we hope to reduce crowding on our Montauk Branch trains used by folks heading not only to Fire Island, but also to the Hamptons and Montauk," Nowakowski said. "We're using our limited number of trainsets more effectively to create more service."

The two extra eastbound trains for Fire Island-bound customers will stop at Bay Shore, Sayville and Patchogue about 10 minutes prior to the existing Montauk-bound trains.

One of the new trains will depart Jamaica at 8:04 a.m., and arrive at Bay Shore at 8:48 a.m., Sayville at 8:59 a.m., and Patchogue at 9:06 a.m. Customers from New York City can catch this train via the 7:39 a.m. departure from Penn Station or the 7:41 a.m. departure from Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn.

The other train will originate at Babylon at 12:02 p.m., and arrive at Bay Shore at 12:08 p.m., Sayville at 12:19 p.m., and Patchogue at 12:26 p.m. Customers from New York City can catch this train via a new train departing from Penn Station at 10:59 a.m. This is a super-express electric train that stops at Jamaica and Babylon only. Customers from Brooklyn can also connect to this train from the existing 10:35 a.m. departure from Atlantic Terminal, which connects with that train at Jamaica.