

Staff Summary



Subject THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SERVICE & FALL TRACKWORK PROGRAMS						Date October 30, 2024			
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						2	VP - MPTW For P.D.	3	Chief Engineer
						4	VP-Deputy Program Executive, LIRR BU		

PURPOSE:

This is to inform the Long Island Committee of the MTA Long Island Rail Road’s plan to provide added service for the 2024 Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Additionally, a track work program in December will support a Crossing Renewal near Syosset.

HOLIDAY SERVICE

Thanksgiving Day Program (Thursday, November 28, 2024)

The Thanksgiving Day program includes six extra westbound trains (4 to Penn Station and 2 to GCM) on Thanksgiving morning for those attending the parade in NYC, and nine early afternoon eastbound extra trains (4 from Penn Station and 5 from GCM) for those returning home from the parade or heading to Long Island for Thanksgiving gatherings.

The westbound Thanksgiving morning extras operate as follows: three from Babylon, two from Ronkonkoma, and one from Farmingdale. The eastbound Thanksgiving afternoon extras operate as follows: four to Babylon, four to Ronkonkoma, and one to Huntington.

TRACK WORK PROGRAMS

Construction Activities (Short-term trackwork items requiring a special program)

- **Port Jefferson Branch – Crossing Renewal** – On the weekends of December 7-8 and December 14-15, one of two main tracks will be out of service between Hicksville and Cold Spring Harbor while the Syosset-Woodbury Road railroad crossing is rehabilitated.

- **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With one of two main tracks out of service on the Port Jefferson Branch between Hicksville and Cold Spring Harbor, schedule adjustments will be required on the Huntington, Port Jefferson, and Ronkonkoma Branches, with connecting Greenport service adjusted accordingly.

IMPACT ON FUNDING

Funding for these projects is contained in the Long Island Rail Road Operating and MTA Capital Program budget.