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LIRR Adding 13 Extra Afternoon Trains from Penn Station on Friday, December 22, for Holiday Weekend Getaway

Railroad Running on Regular Weekend/Holiday Schedule December 23-25

MTA Long Island Rail Road is adding 13 trains from Penn Station to its regular eastbound afternoon schedule on Friday, December 22, to accommodate the large number of customers leaving work early to get a head start on their holiday weekend. The additional departures from Penn Station will be provided between 12:43 p.m. and 3:31 p.m. as follows:

Babylon Branch (6 Extra Trains)

- 1:28 p.m. traveling express to Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon
- 1:56 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon
- 2:22 p.m. traveling express to Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon
- 2:32 p.m. traveling express to Lynbrook, then local to Babylon
- 3:00 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon
- 3:31 p.m. traveling express to Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon

Far Rockaway Branch (1 Extra Train)

- 3:48 p.m. stopping at Locust Manor, Laurelton, Rosedale, Valley Stream, then all stops to Far Rockaway

Port Jefferson Branch (3 Extra Trains)

- 2:08 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, then local to Huntington
- 2:29 p.m. stopping at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then local to Huntington
- 3:24 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury and Hicksville

Port Washington Branch (1 Extra Train)

- 3:40 p.m. stopping Woodside, Flushing-Main St., then all stops to Great Neck

The agencies of the MTA

MTA New York City Transit
MTA Long Island Rail Road

MTA Metro-North Railroad
MTA Bridges and Tunnels

MTA Capital Construction
MTA Bus Company

Ronkonkoma Branch (2 Extra Trains)

- 12:43 p.m. stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then local stops to Ronkonkoma
- 1:49 p.m. stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then local stops to Ronkonkoma

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, December 23-25

LIRR will operate on a regular weekend/holiday schedule from Saturday, December 23, through Monday, Christmas Day, December 25.

Discounted Family Fare

The holidays are a great time of year to take advantage of the LIRR's Family Fare. Up to four children (ages 5-11) can ride one-way for \$1 each when accompanied by a fare-paying adult (18 years or older) on any Off-Peak or PM Peak train. Additional children pay the LIRR's Child Fare, which is 50% off the regular adult peak fare. Children under age 5 always ride the LIRR for free.

Many Channels for Services Updates

The trains listed in this press release are shown in all branch timetables. Information about these trains, and all planned service changes, is also available through the LIRR's real-time service information sources:

Email and text message service updates – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting MyMTAAlerts.com. To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

LIRR Train Time app – Customers who use the LIRR Train Time app will see up-to-the-minute status for each upcoming train at each station. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route. **MTA.info** – The rail tab of the "Service Status" box at the left side of www.MTA.info is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit www.mta.info/lirrto to see special service notices in the upper center of the page.

@LIRR on Twitter – Twitter users can follow @LIRR to receive updates of a similar nature to the email and text alerts, shortened to fit Twitter's format.

The above communications channels can be accessed while at home or on the go. For customers who are located at stations, the LIRR will post the latest service updates on **digital signs** at station platforms and will make **audio announcements** over public address systems, and **on-board announcements** made by train crews.

For those who prefer the **telephone**, information is available from the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: "Long Island Rail

Road” Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.

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TO CONTACT THE MTA PRESS OFFICE: During normal business hours, call 212-878-7440. After hours and on weekends, for subway, bus, bridge and tunnel information, call 646-370-0391; for commuter railroad information, call 646-370-0394.