

Staff Summary



Subject Holiday Service and Winter Track Work Programs						Date November 24, 2025			
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PURPOSE:

This is to inform the Long Island Committee of the MTA Long Island Rail Road's scheduled service for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and the Long Island Rail Road's plan to provide extra service for those attending New Year's Eve events in New York City. In addition, schedules will be temporarily adjusted to support track surfacing and a switch removal near Queens Village, two weekends where track maintenance will be performed on the Atlantic Branch between Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal, and midday track and power maintenance on the West Hempstead and Far Rockaway Branches.

YEAR END HOLIDAY SERVICE

Christmas Eve (Wednesday, December 24, 2025)

The LIRR will operate on a regular weekday schedule on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th.

Christmas Day (Thursday, December 25, 2025)

The LIRR will operate on a regular weekend/holiday schedule on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th.

New Year's Eve Program *(Wednesday, December 31, 2025)*

On New Year's Eve, the LIRR will operate on a regular weekday schedule with the addition of extra evening westbound trains. For westbound customers attending events in New York City, the LIRR will operate eleven additional evening trains. Eight extra trains will operate to Penn Station and three extra trains will operate to Grand Central Madison. The added service will operate as follows: two from Babylon, two from Huntington, three from Ronkonkoma, two from Port Washington and one each from Speonk and Port Jefferson.

New Year's Day Program *(Thursday, January 1, 2026)*

The LIRR will operate on a regular weekend/holiday schedule on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st, with extra trains for those heading home after New Year's Eve events. Twelve additional early morning eastbound trains will operate to Long Island. Eight extra trains will operate from Penn Station, and four extra trains will operate from Grand Central Madison. Trains will operate as follows: two to Babylon, four to Ronkonkoma, two to Port Washington, two to Huntington, and one each to Speonk and Port Jefferson.

TRACK WORK PROGRAMS

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

- **Main Line – Track Surfacing & Switch removal** - On the weekend of January 10-11, the eastbound local track between Jamaica and Floral Park will be taken out of service in support of state of good repair track surfacing and a switch removal. This is the next phase of the Queens Interlocking Signal upgrade project which will improve operations through this critical area of our network.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With the eastbound local track out of service between Jamaica and Floral Park, eastbound trains will bypass scheduled stops at Hollis, Queens Village, and Elmont– UBS Arena. Additionally, schedule adjustments will be required on the Hempstead Branch. NYCT bus will cross honor LIRR fares at Hollis and Queens Village and customers travelling to/from Elmont-UBS Arena are encouraged to use nearby Bellerose Station as an alternative.
- **Atlantic Branch – Railroad Tie Replacement & Switch Maintenance** - On the weekends of January 17-18 and January 24-25, all tracks will be out service between Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal while railroad tie replacement and switch maintenance is performed. This work is designed to maintain our infrastructure to a state of good repair and provide customers with a more comfortable and reliable travel experience.

- **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With all tracks out of service between Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal, there will be no LIRR train service to East New York, Nostrand Avenue or Atlantic Terminal. NYCT will honor LIRR fares in both directions.
- **West Hempstead & Far Rockaway Branches – Track & Power Maintenance** - On the week of January 5th through the 9th LIRR Engineering forces will be performing track and power maintenance during the midday period along the West Hempstead Branch and near Far Rockaway Station in order to maintain our infrastructure to a state of good repair and minimize delays, leading to an enhanced overall customer experience. As a result, the single main track on the West Hempstead Branch and one of two station tracks in Far Rockaway will be out of service.
 - **Temporary Service Adjustments:** With the single main track on the West Hempstead Branch out of service, bus service will replace train service between Valley Stream and West Hempstead. Additionally, with one of two station tracks out of service in Far Rockaway, schedule adjustments will be required on the Far Rockaway Branch.

IMPACT ON FUNDING

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