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LIRR Adding 16 Extra Trains This Friday to Help Soccer Fans See Lower Manhattan Ticker Tape Parade

If you're heading to tomorrow's historic ticker tape parade for the world champion U.S. women's soccer team, skip the traffic and parking headaches. Ride with your fellow soccer fans on the Long Island Rail Road, which is running six extra trains to Penn Station tomorrow timed to get you to the start of the parade, and 10 extra trains to get you home.

LIRR customers are reminded to purchase round trip tickets including MetroCards for connecting subway and bus service in advance in order to save time and avoid lines at LIRR & New York City Transit station booths and MetroCard vending machines.

Whether you choose to take a special train to Penn Station, or any of the hundreds of regularly scheduled LIRR trains to New York City, the parade is just a short subway ride away from Penn Station or Atlantic Terminal in Downtown Brooklyn. From Penn Station, catch a downtown 1 to South Ferry or the 2 or 3 to Fulton St or Wall St. From Atlantic Terminal, catch a Manhattan-bound subway. Ride the 2 or 3 to Fulton St or Wall St, the 4 or 5 to Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall, or the R to Rector St or Cortlandt St.

Details on the LIRR's special parade-bound trains follow.

Six Extra Trains to the Parade

Babylon Branch

- A train will depart Freeport at 9:01 a.m., make all stops through Lynbrook, then Jamaica and Woodside, and will arrive at Penn Station at 9:40 a.m.
- A train will depart Wantagh at 9:20 a.m., make all stops through Rockville Centre, then Jamaica, and will arrive at Penn Station at 10:15 a.m.
- A train will depart Wantagh at 9:50 a.m., make all stops through Rockville Centre, then Jamaica, and will arrive at Penn Station at 10:42 a.m.

Port Jefferson Branch

• A train will depart from Hicksville 9:00 a.m., make all stops through New Hyde Park,

then Jamaica and Woodside, and arrive at Penn Station at 9:43 a.m.

• A train will depart Hicksville at 9:29 a.m. and make all stops through New Hyde Park, then Jamaica, and will arrive at Penn Station at 10:13 a.m.

Ronkonkoma Branch

• A train will depart from Farmingdale at 9:23 a.m., make all stops through Queens Village, then Jamaica, and will arrive at Penn Station at 10:17 a.m.

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10 Extra Trains After the Parade

After the parade, in addition to a full regular weekday schedule, the LIRR is operating 10 extra trains departing Penn Station between 1:40 p.m. and 3:48 p.m. on five branches. Details follow:

Babylon Branch

- A 2:22 p.m. departure runs express to Rockville Centre, then makes all stops to Babylon.
- A 2:32 p.m. departure runs express to Lynbrook, then makes all stops to Babylon.
- A 3:00 p.m. departure stops at Jamaica and Rockville Centre, then makes all stops to Babylon.
- A 3:31 p.m. departure runs express to Rockville Centre, then makes all stops to Babylon.

Port Jefferson Branch

- A 2:08 p.m. departure stops at Jamaica and Mineola, then makes all stops to Huntington.
- A 2:26 p.m. departure stops at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, and New Hyde Park, then makes all stops to Huntington.
- A 3:24 p.m. departure stops at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury and Hicksville.

Ronkonkoma Branch

• A 1:40 p.m. departure stops at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, and Hicksville, then makes all stops to Ronkonkoma.

Port Washington Branch

• A 3:40 p.m. departure stops makes all local stops to Great Neck, including Woodside and Flushing-Main St.

Far Rockaway Branch

• A 3:48 p.m. departure stops at Locust Manor, then makes all stops to Far Rockaway.

For More Information

The latest information on LIRR service is available at http://www.mta.info/lirr/ or by signing up for free customer service alerts via email or text at www.mymtaalerts.com. Customers may also call 511, the New York State Travel Information line, and say: "Long Island Rail Road," to reach customer service. If you are hearing impaired, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.