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LIRR Expects Restoration Of Full Peak Service For Friday Morning Rush , May 13

Amtrak Announces the Completion of Tunnel Repair Work stemming from Sunday's Derailment Remains on Schedule for Friday Morning

The MTA Long Island Rail Road expects to restore full peak service for Friday morning's rush hour, May 13. With the completion of the necessary repairs, the LIRR will be able to provide a normal level of service with 143 trains operating in the morning peak and 126 trains operating in the PM peak.

LIRR President Helena E. Williams said: "This has been a long week for our customers. I want to thank them for the resilience and patience they demonstrated. We are pleased to offer our full level of service once again. My thanks to Amtrak employees for their extraordinary effort required to perform the challenging repair work in the difficult tunnel environment. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to LIRR employees who did an exceptional job all week of running a modified schedule, assisting customers onboard trains and in stations and keeping everyone informed of the travel options available."

Amtrak crews working around the clock since the Sunday derailment of an Amtrak equipment train have completed the replacement of the 282 damaged ties and the stone ballast in approximately 1,200 feet of track. Once track and signal repairs are completed, testing will be performed before the tunnel is finally restored for train service for Friday morning's rush.