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### Media Advisory: MTA LIRR Service East of Speonk on Montauk Branch Replaced with Buses Due to Truck Causing Extensive Damage to Hill Station Rd. Bridge in Hamptons Bay

#### *LIRR crews working throughout the weekend to make temporary repairs to restore train service*

MTA Long Island Rail Road train service east of Speonk on the Montauk Branch is replaced with buses this weekend as a result of a truck striking the Hill Station Road railroad overpass near Hampton Bays – causing extensive damage to the structure. Buses are operating in place of trains, in both directions, between Speonk and Montauk. The bus service is expected to continue through the weekend as LIRR crews – working around the clock – make temporary repairs to the bridge.

Eastbound customers traveling east of Speonk on the Montauk Branch will board buses at Speonk for the remainder of their trip.

Westbound customers on Montauk Branch traveling from stations Montauk through Westhampton will board buses at their station for a transfer to train service at Speonk.

At approximately 4:30 PM Friday afternoon, a truck with a boom was traveling southbound on Hill Station Road when it struck the railroad bridge causing extensive damage to the structure. The temporary repairs being made this weekend will shore up one of the two support girders for the bridge. LIRR is assessing the permanent repairs that will be required for the bridge. Hill Station Road is closed to highway traffic on both sides of the bridge.

For the latest information on train service, customers should go to [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) or monitor LIRR [service alerts](#) via email. Customers can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477.