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### LIRR Restores Full Service To Montauk During Tonight's PM Rush

The MTA Long Island Rail Road is restoring full service to the Montauk Branch east of Speonk during tonight's (Wednesday, August 31) evening rush hour. The first eastbound train to operate will be the 6:17 PM from Jamaica to Montauk, which has a connection at Jamaica with the 5:51 PM train out of Penn Station. Upon departing Jamaica, the Montauk-bound train operates express to Bay Shore, then all local stops (with the exception of Bellport) to Montauk, arriving at 9:07 PM.

The first westbound train is the 10:38 PM from Montauk, making all local stops to Bay Shore, then operating express to Jamaica, arriving at 1:35 AM.

With the restoration of service to the entire Montauk Branch, the only LIRR service that remains suspended is east of Ronkonkoma to Greenport.

"We are delighted to be able to restore service to Montauk in time for customers who are heading out East for the Labor Day weekend," said LIRR President Helena E. Williams. "We know how important our service is to the local economy.

"We want to thank our customers for their patience as well as our employees for their extraordinary effort to restore service following Hurricane Irene."

Since there are still local power outages at LIRR stations, customers are advised that ticket selling machines and electronic audio/visual train announcement systems may not be operable. As a result, customers at stations where the service is operating, and the ticket selling machines are not operating, will **not** be charged the higher on-board fare for tickets purchased on the train.

Customers are reminded to purchase their monthly ticket, since tomorrow is September 1.

LIRR employees are continuing their around-the-clock work on the track east of Ronkonkoma to restore train service to this final remaining stretch of track damaged by Hurricane Irene. The damage included numerous fallen trees and power outages, particularly to crossing gates. Full service is expected to be restored east of Ronkonkoma for the holiday weekend.

For the latest information on LIRR train service, customers should monitor news and traffic reports, visit [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) or sign up for e-mail/text message service alerts from the LIRR. 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.