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IMMEDIATE

No Train Service Between Speonk & Montauk August 2-4 As LIRR Replaces Damaged Bridge In Southampton

Buses Will Transport Customers at All Times in Both Directions during the Outage, Including AM PEAK and PM PEAK Periods

Buses will replace train service on the Montauk Branch east of Speonk for 48 hours beginning at 12:40 PM on Tuesday, August 2 and continuing through Thursday, August 4 at 1 PM so MTA Long Island Rail Road can replace the damaged railroad bridge that spans Hill Station Road in Southampton. The Hill Station Road Bridge suffered serious structural damage when it was struck by a flatbed truck in April. Scheduling the bridge project during a 48 hour period in mid-week was necessary so that train service could be restored in time to meet the heavy weekend service demand between New York City and the East End of Long Island.

The work will result in the suspension of train service between Speonk and Montauk, including some AM and PM Peak trains, and the substitution of bus service. The LIRR's goal was to perform the bridge work in a way that would impact the fewest customers. At this time of the year, weekend ridership on the Montauk Branch greatly exceeds weekday ridership.

Customers can pick up a copy of the special "East of Speonk" timetable, which is reprinted below, for the revised schedules for specific train. The East of Speonk timetable can also be found at the Railroad's website: www.mta.info/lirr. The outage will affect approximately 370 eastbound customers and 440 westbound customers each day. On a typical summer Friday, some 3,400 customers ride the branch.

Customers who travel to or from Westhampton, Hampton Bays, Southampton, East Hampton, Amagansett and Montauk should pick up a copy of the special timetable titled "East of Speonk Customers" to find the bus departure and arrival times during the two-day train outage. A copy of the special timetable is attached here and can also be found on the web at www.mta.info/lirr.

Eastbound customers will take their train as far as Speonk and then board buses for stations Westhampton through Montauk. They should allow for up to 40 minutes additional travel time depending on their destination.

Westbound customers at stations Montauk through Westhampton will board buses to Speonk where train service will resume. Westbound customers will be boarding buses up to 39 minutes earlier and will arrive at their final destinations at normal times.

AM PEAK and PM PEAK TRAVEL

Buses will replace the following Montauk Branch AM Peak and PM Peak trains during the bridge replacement project.

Tuesday, August 2 – Eastbound PM Peak

The 6:17 PM train from Jamaica, scheduled to arrive at Speonk at 7:55 PM will end its run at Speonk where passengers will board buses to continue on to Westhampton, Hampton Bays, Southampton, Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Amagansett, and Montauk.

Wednesday, August 3 – Westbound AM Peak

The 5:39 AM train from Montauk, scheduled to arrive at Amagansett at 5:58 AM, East Hampton at 6:03 AM, Bridgehampton at 6:12 AM, Southampton at 6:22 AM, Hampton Bays at 6:32 AM, Westhampton at 6:41 AM will board buses at their station for Speonk where normal trains service will resume for points west.

Wednesday, August 3 – Eastbound PM Peak

The 6:17 PM train from Jamaica, scheduled to arrive at Speonk at 7:55 PM, will end its trip at Speonk where passengers will board buses to continue on to Westhampton, Hampton Bays, Southampton, Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Amagansett and Montauk.

Thursday, August 4 – Westbound AM Peak

The 5:39 AM train from Montauk, schedule to arrive at Amagansett at 5:58 AM, East Hampton at 6:03 AM, Bridgehampton at 6:12 AM, Southampton at 6:22 AM, Hampton Bays at 6:32 AM, Westhampton at 6:41 AM will board buses at their station for Speonk where normal service will resume for points west.

Regular train service is scheduled to resume on Thursday at 1 PM.

Service was immediately suspended while the LIRR's Engineering Department determined the extent of the damage and how to shore up the structure so that train travel could resume Monday morning.

The cost of the new bridge, designed by Structural Bridges USA, is \$367,505. The road below the bridge is scheduled to reopen to traffic on Friday, August 19.

Customers can check on LIRR service before heading to train stations by monitoring the MTA website, www.mta.info, listening to the latest traffic reports and signing up for free E-Alerts that provide the latest train information direct from the LIRR train operations center. 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.

Click image for the PDF schedule:

Special Timetable

MTA Long Island Rail Road

East of Spook Customers

Bridge Replacement Schedules
Effective August 2 - 4, 2011 Only

www.mta.info

ATTENTION CUSTOMERS

Replacement of the mainspan bridge of the 1st Station Road is being placed August 2-4.

Customers utilizing Spook station east of Spook will be routed to Patchogue for most trains.

All Spook customers will transfer to train service between Babylon and Westhampton.

Train Stops:
Customers at Spook and stations east will have normal train service. These customers can connect the regular Montauk Branch Train Service from May 15 September 11, 2011 for train times.

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