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### Buses Replace Trains from Speonk to Montauk for 72 Hours from Tuesday, March 12 thru Friday, March 15 for Bridge Rehab Work

#### *Latest Phase of \$22.4M Project Includes AM & PM Peak Outages*

MTA Long Island Rail Road announced today that buses will replace train service between Speonk and Montauk for 72 hours from Tuesday, March 12 through Friday, March 15, as the Railroad carries out the next phase of the \$22.4 million rehabilitation of three East End bridges.

The track outages will mean significant schedule changes for Montauk Branch customers during peak and off-peak periods. Customers should pick up a copy of the special Montauk Branch timetable dated March 12-15 or view the same timetable on the MTA website at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr) to determine the best bus and train combination for them.

The work on the Shinnecock Canal Bridge, the North Highway Bridge and the Montauk Highway Bridge, all located in Hampton Bays, will require the LIRR to take the single main track between Speonk and Montauk out of service for 72 hours from 2:13 a.m. Tuesday until 2:30 a.m. Friday.

#### **Extending the Life of All 3 Bridges**

The restoration work, which got underway in the fall of 2011, is being financed by the Federal Transit Administration and the MTA Capital Program. The three railroad bridges were constructed in the early part of the 20th Century and the work is expected to extend the life of each span by 35 to 40 years.

#### **Allow Extra Time for Travel**

##### **Westbound**

The outage will affect approximately 364 westbound customers from stations Montauk through Westhampton. They will board buses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 40 minutes earlier than regular train time to travel to Speonk where trains will take them to points west.

##### **Eastbound**

The outage will affect approximately 413 daily customers who will board buses at Speonk for service to stations Westhampton through Montauk on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Expect up to 40 minutes of additional travel time.

#### **AM and PM Peak Service**

Rush hour customers are reminded that buses will replace the following peak trains between Speonk and Montauk:

##### **Westbound**

- The 5:39 AM train from Montauk scheduled to arrive in Speonk at 6:49 AM will instead originate from Speonk on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

##### **Eastbound**

- The 6:17 PM train from Jamaica will terminate at Speonk at 7:55 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

#### **Additional Track Work at Crossing in Southampton**

With train service suspended along this segment of the Montauk Branch, the LIRR will take advantage of the track time to reconstruct the railroad crossing on Montauk Highway near Flying Point Road to accommodate future plans of the Town of Southampton to widen Montauk Highway. As a result, Montauk Highway will be closed to vehicular traffic at that juncture on Tuesday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 13.

#### **For More Information:**

Customers can call 511, the New York State Travel Information Line say: Long Island Rail Road. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511. Montauk branch customers can also consult the MTA website at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr). At the website, they can sign up for free email service alerts, the fastest and most accurate way to monitor LIRR `trains.