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LIRR Expects to Operate a Regular AM Rush Service Thursday, September, 17

The LIRR expects to operate a regular AM rush hour schedule of trains on Thursday, September 17 in the aftermath of the freight derailment in Hicksville.

LIRR crews – working around the clock since the New York & Atlantic Railway derailment Tuesday afternoon – have cleared both derailed freight cars that were blocking one of the two tracks that are shared by trains of the Ronkonkoma and Port Jefferson branches.

In restoring the track back to service, LIRR work crews unloaded tons of construction debris from the freight car that had toppled on to its side and removed both the car and its wheel assemblies from the track area. The track – including the electrified third rail – was then rebuilt. After re-railing the second freight car, LIRR personnel are continuing to work through the overnight to remove the re-railed car from the site, and rebuild the damaged track and third rail in that area, as well.

We appreciate your patience as we worked to clear the derailment as quickly as possible. While this work was underway, LIRR schedules were adjusted to provide as much service possible given the reduced capacity resulting from operating trains on only one of two tracks serving the Ronkonkoma and Port Jefferson branches.

Customers are reminded to monitor the LIRR's website, www.mta.info/lirr, the LIRR's TrainTime App and media reports for the most up-to-date LIRR service information. Customers are also advised to subscribe to email and text alerts and follow @LIRR on Twitter.