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EAST HAMPTON EXPANDS LOCAL SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR TRAIN COMMUTERS

Additional bus will accommodate increased number of local workers who are LIRR commuters, allow for new stops, and reduce commute time

The “last-mile” shuttle bus service that provides transportation between local train stations and workplaces for those using the LIRR’s South Fork Commuter Connection trains will expand beginning next week.

The addition of a third bus by the Hampton Hopper, which provides the service for East Hampton Town, will allow separate bus routes to serve the western and more eastern areas of the town, in addition to the route serving Amagansett and Montauk.

Not only will this provide seats on the shuttle for the increasing number of riders, but it will save time for a number of users, getting them to the workplace earlier and picking them up later.

The split route will also allow buses to take commuters to Springs School, and to Goodfriend Drive, where the Ross School and other businesses are located.

The Long Island Rail Road launched the South Fork Commuter Connection coordinated rail and bus system in 2019 in response to efforts by New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele, East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc, and other elected officials, to see increased train service for East End workers and residents.

Two eastbound and two westbound trains per day run weekdays, except holidays, between the Speonk and Montauk stations, allowing many East End workers to avoid road traffic and commute by train instead. While the LIRR had suspended SFCC service on Fridays during the summer, those train runs resume regular service on Friday, Sept. 9.

The cost of the “last-mile” shuttle transportation is covered by New York State funding that was secured by Assemblyman Thiele for both East Hampton and Southampton Towns.

Information, including train and shuttle bus schedules, can be accessed at <http://www.ehamptonny.gov/623/South-Fork-Commuter-Connection-SFCC>

