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**DIANA TOURS PORT JERVIS LINE WITH MTA METRO NORTH PRESIDENT,
URGES SPEEDY REPAIR TO DEVASTATED LINE**

Discuss options for Orange County commuters post Irene

(Goshen, NY) – Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana toured the Port Jervis commuter rail line with MTA Metro-North President Howard Permut today discussing travel options for Orange County commuters after Hurricane Irene inflicted catastrophic damage to the transportation system’s infrastructure, causing the Port Jervis Line to be suspended indefinitely.

“It will take months to get the Port Jervis Line back in order, but we are committed to working with Metro-North to make as many commuter options as possible available for Orange County residents,” said County Executive Diana.

Diana and Permut began their meeting at the Harriman train station this afternoon and then proceeded to assess the destruction on the Port Jervis Line by viewing the rail tracks impacted at Tuxedo station, and then at Sloatsburg station. They were joined by several MTA Board members, as well as MTA engineers and transportation officers.

While out assessing the damage to the Port Jervis Line, County Executive Diana was informed that FEMA declared Orange County as one of the designated counties eligible to receive Public Assistance (PA) for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities as relating to Hurricane Irene.

“We’re thrilled about this designation that will allow local governments, schools, fire departments, hospitals and others begin the important work of putting our communities back together again after last weeks’ storm,” said Diana.

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Metro-North is providing the following service alternatives for Port Jervis customers:

Busing to Beacon Station from Port Jervis and Middletown:

Buses (with the exception of one round trip in the afternoon) will originate at Port Jervis Station, stop at Middletown Station, then go directly to Beacon Station on our Hudson Line for train service to Grand Central; outbound is the reverse.

Busing to/from Salisbury Mills/Cornwall and Ramsey-Route 17:

Starting Thursday, September 8, Metro-North will begin busing from Salisbury Mills/Cornwall Station to Ramsey-Route 17. At Ramsey/Route 17 there will be train service to/from Hoboken.

Busing to/from Harriman and Ramsey Route 17:

Metro-North is busing between Harriman Station and Ramsey/Route 17. At Ramsey/Route 17 there will be train service to/from Hoboken.

Busing to/from Tuxedo/Sloatsburg and Ramsey/Route 17:

Metro-North is busing from Tuxedo and Sloatsburg to Ramsey/Route 17. At Ramsey/Route 17 there will be train service to/from Hoboken.

Additional Service Options for Port Jervis Line Customers:

In addition, customers can use their Port Jervis Line commutation ticket on the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry or the Newburgh-Beacon Shuttle Bus.

Customers from Salisbury Mills Station west to Port Jervis station with a valid LAZ parking permit can also park at Harriman and Beacon or Cortlandt stations on the Hudson Line. Parking at these stations will be provided for West of Hudson customers, although a permit does not guarantee a space.

Port Jervis Line commutation tickets are being honored for travel on the Hudson Line.

For more information regarding the Port Jervis Line, including signing up for email alerts please visit <http://mta.info/mnr/> or call MTA's Customer Information Center at 212-532-4900 with comments or inquiries.

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