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### MTA LIRR Substitutes Bus Service for Mid-Day Trains on West Hempstead Branch for Rail Inspection, April 18

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of four midday trains on the West Hempstead Branch on Wednesday, April 18 in order to use the Sperry Rail Car to conduct special rail tests. Two eastbound and two westbound trains will be affected. Customers should allow up to 20 minutes additional travel time. No bicycles will be allowed on the buses.

The Sperry Rail Car, a bright yellow vehicle fitted with ultrasonic and induction test equipment, is designed to detect internal rail defects not readily visible to the eye. Defects that are found will be corrected immediately by a crew of LIRR track maintenance workers. The Sperry Rail Car is used twice a year to inspect approximately 500 miles of LIRR track.

#### Eastbound

Customers on the 10:02 AM and 12:02 PM trains from Flatbush Avenue will transfer to buses at Valley Stream to complete their trips from Westwood through West Hempstead.

#### Westbound

Customers on the 9:42 AM and 11:42 AM trains from West Hempstead will board buses at their stations West Hempstead through Westwood and transfer to trains at Jamaica to complete their trips.

For travel information, customers can contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center, 24-hours a day, in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR, in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).