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MTA LIRR Substitutes Bus Service for Overnight Trains on Ronkonkoma Branch, October 14 and During Off-Peak Hours, October 15 & October 16

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of trains on the Ronkonkoma Branch during overnight hours on Sunday, October 14, and during off peak hours on Monday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 16, in order to use the Sperry Rail Car to conduct special rail tests. On October 14, four eastbound and four westbound overnight trains will be affected between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma. On October 15 and October 16, two eastbound and two westbound mid-day trains will be affected between Ronkonkoma and Greenport. Customers will board buses to complete their trips.

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.

Sunday, October 14

Farmingdale to Ronkonkoma

The Sperry Rail Car will be conducting rail tests between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma between 12:45 AM and 6:30 AM.

Eastbound

Customers on the 12:12 AM, 1:16 AM, 2:51 AM and 4:45 AM trains from Penn Station to Ronkonkoma will transfer to buses at Hicksville for stations Wyandanch through Ronkonkoma. Bethpage and Farmingdale customers will stay on the train to their stations.

Westbound

Customers on the 12:42 AM, 2:10 AM, 3:45 AM and 5:40 AM trains from Ronkonkoma will board buses at their stations Ronkonkoma through Wyandanch and transfer to trains at Hicksville to complete their trips. Bethpage and Farmingdale customers will board their normally scheduled trains at their stations.

Monday and Tuesday, October 15 & 16

The Sperry Rail Car will be conducting rail tests between Ronkonoma and Greenport between 6:53 AM and 5 PM.

Eastbound

Customers on the 9:02 AM train from Ronkonkoma to Greenport and the 1:42 PM train from Ronkonkoma to Riverhead will board buses at Ronkonkoma to complete their trips.

Westbound

Customers on the 11:42 AM train from Greenport to Ronkonkoma and the 3:19 PM train from Riverhead to Ronkonkoma will board buses at their stations and transfer to trains at Ronkonkoma to complete their trips.

Customers should anticipate up to 25 minutes additional travel time.

For additional information, customers can contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County at 516-822-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 consul the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.