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MTA LIRR Substitutes Bus Service For Trains On Montauk Branch Weekdays, October 18-October 23

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of trains on the Montauk Branch east of Babylon October 18 through October 23, in order to use the Sperry Rail Car to conduct special rail tests. The inspections will be conducted by the Sperry Rail Car, a bright yellow vehicle fitted with ultrasonic and induction test equipment, 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.

Thursday, October 18

Track will be inspected between Patchogue and Montauk. Train service will be replaced by buses between 8 AM and 5 PM.

Eastbound

Customers will board buses at Patchogue to complete their trips. Travel time will be increased by up to 36 minutes.

Westbound

Customers will board buses at their stations then transfer to trains at Babylon to complete their trips. Travel time will be increased by up to 52 minutes.

Friday, October 19

Track will be inspected between Speonk and Montauk. Train service will be replaced by buses between 6:49 AM and 5 PM.

Eastbound

Customers will board buses at Speonk to complete their trips. Travel time will be increased by up to 36 minutes.

Westbound

Customers will board buses at their stations and transfer to trains at Babylon to complete their trips. Travel time will be increased by up to 52 minutes.

Monday & Tuesday, October 22, 23

Track will be inspected between Babylon and Sayville. Two trains will be affected, the 10:26 AM from Babylon and the 9:33 AM from Patchogue.

Eastbound

Customers for the 10:26 AM train from Babylon will board buses at Babylon to complete their trips Bay Shore through Patchogue. Travel time will be increased by up to 11 minutes.

Westbound

Customers for the 9:33 AM train from Patchogue will board buses at stations Patchogue through Bay Shore and transfer to a train at Babylon to complete their trips. Travel time will be increased by 27 minutes.

For travel information, customers can contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center, 24-hours a day, 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 consult the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.