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MTA LIRR Substitutes Bus Service for Monday Midday Trains on Montauk Branch Weekdays, November 6 – November 7

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of midday, weekday trains on the Montauk Branch east of Patchogue November 6 through November 7, 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, November 6

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 44 minutes.

Westbound

Customers east of Patchogue will board buses at their stations then transfer to trains at Babylon to complete their trips. Travel time will be increased by up to 51 minutes.

Friday, November 7

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 31 minutes.

Westbound

Customers east of Speonk will board buses at their stations and transfer to trains at Babylon to complete their trips. Travel time will be increased by up to 51 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.