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IMMEDIATE

Buses Replace Port Jefferson Branch Trains During Sperry Rail Testing Program on Thursday and Friday October 23 & 24, 2008

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of trains, following the morning rush between Greenlawn and Port Jefferson on Thursday, October 23 and Friday, October 24 in order to use the Sperry Rail Car to conduct special rail tests. Three eastbound and three westbound trains will be affected on October 23rd. Two eastbound and two westbound trains will be affected on October 24th. Customers should allow up to 25 minutes additional travel time.

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.

October 23, 2008

Eastbound

Customers on the 10:05 AM, 12:05 PM and 2:05 PM trains from Hicksville to Port Jefferson will transfer to buses at Huntington to complete their trips.

Westbound

Customers on the 10:31 AM, 12:31 PM and 2:31 PM trains from Port Jefferson will board buses at their stations to Hicksville. At Hicksville, customers will transfer for train service west. Passengers should anticipate additional travel time of 44 minutes.

October 24, 2008

Eastbound

Customers on the 10:05 AM and 12:05 PM trains from Hicksville to Port Jefferson will transfer to buses at Huntington to complete their trips.

Westbound

Buses will replace the 10:31 AM and the 12:31 PM trains from Port Jefferson. At Hicksville, customers will transfer for train service west. Passengers should anticipate additional travel time of 29 minutes.

Customers should pick up a copy of the special track work timetable at Port Jefferson Branch stations or at western LIRR terminal. For additional 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.