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MTA LIRR Substitutes Bus Service For Trains On Montauk Branch For Rail Inspections, April 9-12

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of trains for several areas of the Montauk Branch east of Babylon Wednesday, April 9 through Saturday, April 12 as track inspections are made by the Sperry Rail Car.

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.

Wednesday, April 9 and Friday, April 11

Sperry Rail Car testing will take place between Babylon and Patchogue. Passengers on two eastbound and two westbound trains will be affected.

Eastbound

Customers on the 8:51 AM and 9:47 AM trains from Jamaica will board buses at Babylon to complete their trips through Patchogue. Customers should expect increased travel time of up to 11 minutes.

Westbound

Customers on the 9:33 AM and 10:33 AM trains from Patchogue will board buses at stations Patchogue through Bay Shore and transfer to trains at Babylon to complete their trips. Customers should expect increased travel time of up to 27 minutes.

Thursday, April 10

Sperry Rail Car testing will take place between Patchogue and Montauk. Passengers on three eastbound and three westbound trains will be affected.

Eastbound

Customers on the 8:11 AM, 10:44 AM and 11:30 AM trains from Jamaica will transfer to buses at Patchogue to complete their trips. Customers should expect increased travel time of up to 36 minutes.

Westbound

Customers on the 11:23 AM from Montauk, 2:07 PM from Speonk and 2:51 PM from Montauk trains will board buses at stations east of Patchogue and transfer to trains at Babylon to complete their trips. Customers should expect increased travel time of up to 52 minutes.

Saturday, April 12

Sperry Rail Car testing will take place between Speonk and Montauk. Passengers on three eastbound and three westbound trains will be affected.

Eastbound

Customers on the 8:12 AM, 10:12 AM and 12:12 PM trains from Jamaica will transfer to buses at Speonk to complete their trips. Customers should expect increased travel time of up to 36 minutes.

Westbound

Customers on the 3:37 PM, 5:37 PM and 7:34 PM trains from Montauk will board buses at stations east of Speonk and transfer to trains at Babylon to complete their trips. Customers should expect increased travel time of up to 52 minutes.

For additional travel 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 consult the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.

