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MTA LIRR Substitutes Bus Service For Overnight Trains on Port Washington Branch For Rail Testing Program, Saturday, October 4

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of four overnight trains on the Port Washington Branch between Great Neck and Port Washington on Saturday, October 4 in order to use the Sperry Rail Car to conduct special rail tests. Two eastbound and two westbound trains will be affected. Customers should allow up to 30 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.

Eastbound

Customers on the 12:19 AM and 1:19 AM trains from Penn Station will transfer to buses at Great Neck to complete their trips to Manhasset, Plandome or Port Washington Stations.

Westbound

Customers on the 1:40 AM and 3:40 AM trains from Port Washington will board buses at their stations, Port Washington, Plandome and Manhasset, and then transfer to trains at Great Neck to complete their trips.

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.