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IMMEDIATE

Buses Replace Mid-day Montauk Branch Trains April 14, 15, & 17 As Rail Inspection Is Performed

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of midday, off-peak trains on the Montauk Branch on Tuesday, April 14, Wednesday, April 15, and Friday, April 17 while rail inspections are conducted. During testing on April 14 and 17, two eastbound trains will be affected—one will be canceled east of Babylon, and the other will be canceled at its origination station. Additionally, two westbound trains originating at Patchogue will be canceled. On April 15, three eastbound trains will terminate at Patchogue and three westbound trains will originate at Patchogue. To minimize inconvenience, buses will be provided for passengers.

In performing track inspection, LIRR track maintenance crews will utilize a vehicle fitted with ultrasonic technology and electro-magnetic induction test equipment. This bright yellow vehicle, the Sperry Rail Car, is designed to detect internal rail defects not readily visible to the eye. Track maintenance workers will immediately correct any defects uncovered.

To ensure that our rails are properly maintained, the Sperry Rail Car is used biannually to inspect approximately 500 miles of LIRR track.

The following trains will be affected:

April 14 and April 17 - Babylon to Sayville

Eastbound

Customers who normally take the 10:26 AM train from Babylon will instead board buses for stations Bay Shore to Patchogue. Customers on the 8:52 AM from Jamaica, will transfer to bus service at Babylon for points east to Patchogue. Eastbound customers should anticipate up to 27 minutes of additional travel time.

Westbound

Customers who normally take the 9:33 AM and 10:33 AM trains from Patchogue will instead board buses for stations Patchogue to Babylon. Westbound customers can expect up to 36 minutes of additional travel time.

April 15 - Patchogue to Montauk

Eastbound

Customers who normally take the 8:52 AM, 11:26 AM and 12:07 PM trains from Babylon will board buses at Patchogue for eastbound service to Montauk. Eastbound customers should anticipate up to 35 minutes of additional travel time.

Westbound

Customers who normally take the 12:41 PM, 2:07 PM and 4:14 PM trains from Speonk will board buses at their station and transfer to trains at Patchogue for westbound service. Customers who board buses from Montauk to Speonk will instead board buses to Patchogue to continue to points west. Westbound customers will depart up to 1 hour and 10 minutes later than usual and should anticipate up to 45 minutes of additional travel time.

For additional information, customers can contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR (5477), in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR (5477), or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR (5477). The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers can also visit the LIRR's website at www.mta.info/lirr.