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### Buses Replace Midday West Hempstead Branch Trains During Sperry Rail Inspection Program On Monday April 13th

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of midday trains between West Hempstead and Valley Stream following the morning rush on Monday, April 13th in order to use the Sperry Rail Car to conduct special rail inspections. Two eastbound and two westbound trains will be affected.

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.

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#### Eastbound

The 10:47 AM and 12:47 PM trains from Valley Stream will be replaced with bus service. Customers will board buses in Valley Stream at 10:53 AM and 12:53 PM for stations Westwood through West Hempstead

#### Westbound

Customers on the 10:12 AM and the 12:12 PM trains from West Hempstead through Westwood, will board a bus at their stations to Jamaica. At Jamaica, passengers can connect to train service for other points west.

Expect up to 19 minutes of additional travel time eastbound, and 29 minutes westbound.

Customers should pick up a copy of the special track work timetable at West Hempstead Branch stations or at western LIRR terminals. 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. Customer can also consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).