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MTA LIRR Port Washington Branch Early-Morning Service Affected By Rail Inspections Sat., Oct. 17

Buses To Be Provided For Affected Customers

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of some trains on the Port Washington Branch in the early morning of Saturday October 17, as track inspections are made by the Sperry Rail Car between 12:50 AM and 3:45 AM.

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.

Sperry Rail Car testing will take place between Manhasset and Port Washington. Customers on two eastbound and two westbound early-morning trains will be affected. Customers should expect 15 to 30 minutes additional travel time.

Eastbound

Customers on the 12:19 AM Penn Station train due in Port Washington at 1:05 AM and the 1:19 AM Penn Station train due in Port Washington at 2:05 AM, will board buses at Great Neck to complete their trips.

Westbound

Customers looking to take the 1:40 AM Port Washington train due in Penn Station at 2:25 AM and the 3:40 AM Port Washington train due in Penn Station at 4:25 AM, will board buses at their stations and transfer to trains at Great Neck to complete their trips.

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. For additional information, pick up a special timetable or refer to www.mta.info/lirr.