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### Buses Replace Midday Port Jefferson Branch Trains During Sperry Rail Inspection Program On Wednesday And Thursday March 25 & 26

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of midday trains between Huntington and Port Jefferson following the morning rush on Wednesday, March 25th and Thursday March 26th in order to use the Sperry Rail Car to conduct special rail inspections. Three eastbound and three westbound trains will be affected on March 25th. Two eastbound and two westbound trains will be affected on March 26th. 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.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

##### Eastbound

The 10:05 AM and 1:05 PM trains from Hicksville will terminate in Huntington and customers will transfer to buses to complete their trips. The 11:48 AM and the 2:48 PM trains from Huntington to Port Jefferson, will be replaced with bus service. Passengers should anticipate arriving time of up to 30 minutes later than normal.

##### Westbound

Customers on the 10:10 AM, 1:10 PM, 1:37 PM and the 2:37 PM trains from Port Jefferson through Greenlawn, will board buses at their stations to Hicksville. At Hicksville, customers will transfer for train service west. Passengers should anticipate arriving up to 43 minutes later than normal.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

##### Eastbound

The 10:05 AM and 1:05 PM trains from Hicksville will terminate in Huntington and customers will transfer to buses to complete their trips. The 11:48 AM train from Huntington to Port Jefferson, will be replaced with bus service. Passengers should expect to arrive 30 minutes later than normal.

##### Westbound

Customers on the 10:10 AM, 11:37 AM, and the 1:10 PM trains from Port Jefferson through Greenlawn, will board buses at their stations to Hicksville. At Hicksville, customers will transfer for train service west. Passengers should expect additional travel time of up to 43 minutes.

Customers should pick up a copy of the special track work timetable at Port Jefferson 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. Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).