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MTA LIRR Substitutes Buses For Trains On Montauk Branch For Rail Inspections, October 6, 8 & 9

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of trains for several areas of the Montauk Branch east of Babylon on Tuesday, October 6, Thursday, October 8 and Friday, October 9 as track inspections are made by the Sperry Rail Car.

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.

Tuesday, October 6

Sperry Rail Car testing will take place between Babylon and Speonk. Passengers on three eastbound and three westbound trains will be affected.

Eastbound

Customers on the 9:26 AM, 10:27 AM and 11:27 AM trains from Babylon will board buses instead at Babylon to complete their trips for stations Bay Shore through Speonk. Customers should anticipate increased travel time of up to 20 minutes.

Westbound

Customers on the 9:33 AM, 10:33 AM and 11:33 AM trains from Patchogue will board buses at their stations Patchogue through Bay Shore up to 19 minutes later and transfer to trains at Babylon to complete their trips. Customers should anticipate increased travel time of up to 36 minutes.

Thursday, October 8

Sperry Rail Car testing will take place between Speonk and Montauk. Passengers on two eastbound and two westbound trains will be affected.

Eastbound

Customers on the 8:52 AM train from Babylon will transfer to buses at Speonk to complete their trips. Customers on the 11:56 AM train from Babylon will transfer to buses at Patchogue to complete their trips. Customers should anticipate increased travel time of up to 40 minutes.

Westbound

Customers on the 11:20 AM train from Montauk will board buses at their stations Montauk through Bellport then transfer to a train at Patchogue to complete their trips. Passengers will depart up to 32 minutes later and should anticipate increased travel time of up to 30 minutes. Customers on the 2:51 PM train from Montauk will board buses at their stations Montauk through Westhampton and transfer to a train at Patchogue to complete their trips. Buses for customers from Montauk, Amagansett, Bridgehampton and Southampton stations will depart up to 13 minutes earlier than train time.

Friday, October 9

Sperry Rail Car testing will take place between Babylon and Patchogue. Passengers on two eastbound and two westbound will be affected.

Eastbound

Customers on the 9:26 AM and 10:27 AM trains from Babylon will board buses at Babylon to complete their trips for stations Bay Shore through Patchogue. Customers should anticipate increased travel time of up to 20 minutes.

Westbound

Customers on the 9:33 AM and 10:33 AM trains from Patchogue will board buses instead at Patchogue to complete their trips for stations Patchogue through Bay Shore and transfer to a train at Babylon. Customers should anticipate increased travel time of up to 28 minutes.

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. Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.