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### Buses Replace Midday LIRR Trains on Montauk Branch for Rail Inspections, Oct. 19-22

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of midday trains on various portions of the Montauk Branch east of Babylon beginning Tuesday, October 19 through Friday, October 22 as track inspections are performed.

#### Tuesday, October 19

Rail testing being performed between Babylon and Patchogue on the Montauk Branch on Tuesday, October 19 will result in buses replacing train service between Babylon and Speonk for three eastbound and three westbound midday trains.

**Eastbound:** The 8:52 AM train from Jamaica to Patchogue will terminate at Babylon. The 10:29 AM and the 11:29 AM trains from Babylon to Patchogue and Speonk, respectively, will be canceled. Customers will receive bus service from Babylon to Patchogue and Speonk and should allow for up to 23 minutes additional travel time.

**Westbound:** The 9:31 AM, 10:31 AM and 11:31 AM trains from Patchogue to Babylon will be canceled. Customers at stations Patchogue through Bay Shore will board buses at their stations for travel to Babylon where a train connection can be made for points west. Customers will board buses up to 48 minutes later than regular scheduled train times and should anticipate increased travel time of up to 60 minutes, depending on their destination.

#### Wednesday, October 20

Rail inspections being performed between Patchogue and Speonk on the Montauk Branch on Wednesday, October 20 will result in buses replacing train service east of Patchogue -- affecting three eastbound and three westbound trains.

**Eastbound:** The 8:52 AM, 11:29 AM and 12:10 PM trains from Babylon will terminate at Patchogue instead. Customers will receive bus service for the remainder of the trip east to Speonk and Montauk. Customers should anticipate increased travel time of up to 40 minutes.

**Westbound:** The 11:22 AM train from Montauk, the 2:01 PM from Speonk, and the 2:51 PM from Montauk will all originate from Patchogue instead. Customers at stations Montauk through Bellport will board buses at their stations for travel to Babylon where a train connection can be made for points west. Customers will board buses up to 51 minutes later than regular scheduled train times and should anticipate increased travel time of up to 59 minutes later, depending on their destination.

#### Thursday, October 21

Sperry Rail Car testing taking place on Thursday, October 21 between Speonk and Montauk will affect two eastbound and two westbound midday trains.

**Eastbound:** Customers on the 8:52 AM and 12:10 PM trains from Babylon will transfer to buses at Speonk to complete their trips. Customers should anticipate increased travel time of up to 28 minutes.

**Westbound:** The 11:22 AM and 2:51 PM trains from Montauk, will originate from Speonk instead. Customers at stations Montauk through Westhampton will board buses at their stations for travel to Babylon where a train connection can be made for points west. Customers will board buses at these stations up to 37 minutes later than regular scheduled train times and should anticipate increased travel time of up to 58 minutes later, depending on their destination.

#### Friday, October 22

Rail testing being performed between Babylon and Sayville on the Montauk Branch from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM on Friday, October 22 will result in buses replacing train service between Babylon and Patchogue for two eastbound and two westbound midday trains.

**Eastbound:** The 8:52 AM train from Jamaica to Patchogue will terminate at Babylon. The 10:29 AM train from Babylon to Patchogue will be canceled. Customers will receive bus service from Babylon to Patchogue and should allow for up to 23 minutes additional travel time.

**Westbound:** The 9:31 AM and 10:31 AM trains from Patchogue to Babylon will be canceled. Customers at stations Patchogue through Bay Shore will board buses at their stations for travel to Babylon where a train connection can be made for points west. Customers will board buses up to 46 minutes later than regular scheduled train times and should anticipate increased travel time of up to 60 minutes, depending on their destination.

The Sperry Rail Car, which will be performing the specialized track inspection, is a bright yellow vehicle fitted with ultrasonic and induction test equipment, and it's 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.

For additional travel information, customers can contact the LIRR's 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](http://www.mta.info).