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Ronkonkoma Branch Early-Morning Service Affected by Rail Inspections Saturday May 8

Buses Replace Trains for Affected Customers

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of trains, east of Farmingdale on the Ronkonkoma Branch during the early morning of Saturday, May 8, 2010. Track inspections will be made by the Sperry Rail Car between 12:45 AM and 6:39 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.

While the Sperry Rail Car testing is performed between Ronkonkoma and Farmingdale, buses will partially replace 8 east and westbound early-morning trains. Eastbound customers should expect up to 33 minutes of additional travel time and westbound customers should expect up to 36 minutes of additional travel time.

Eastbound

Early-morning customers traveling through Farmingdale Station will not be affected. Those customers traveling to Wyandanch, Deer Park, Brentwood, Central Islip and Ronkonkoma stations, will change at Hicksville for connecting bus service.

The following trains will be affected:

- The 12:14 AM Penn Station train due in Ronkonkoma at 1:36 AM
- The 1:16 AM Penn Station train due in Ronkonkoma at 2:38 AM
- The 2:53 AM Penn Station train due in Ronkonkoma at 4:14 AM
- The 4:43 AM Penn Station train due in Ronkonkoma at 6:05 AM

Westbound

Bus service will replace early-morning train service for customers traveling from Ronkonkoma, Central Islip, Brentwood, Deer Park and Wyandanch stations to Hicksville Station. Customers traveling from Farmingdale and Bethpage stations will board their normally scheduled trains.

The following trains will be affected:

- The 12:44 AM Ronkonkoma train due in Penn Station at 2:02 AM
- The 2:10 AM Ronkonkoma train due in Penn Station at 3:27 AM
- The 3:45 AM Ronkonkoma train due in Penn Station at 5:02 AM
- The 5:37 AM Ronkonkoma train due in Penn Station at 6:59 AM

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.