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### No Train Service Between Bay Shore And Speonk Weekend Of April 24-25 Due To National Grid Soil Remediation Project

#### *Buses To Replace Trains Between Bay Shore and Speonk Allowing LIRR Workers To Restore Permanent Track Bed*

MTA Long Island Rail Road train service between Babylon and Speonk will be suspended for the weekend of April 24 and 25 so LIRR workers can restore a stretch of track replaced last year to allow National Grid to conduct an environmental cleanup of the area under the track just west of Bay Shore Station.

The service suspension will begin on Saturday, April 24 at 12:59 AM and run until 1:30 AM on Monday, April 26.

#### Eastbound

Customers will board buses at Babylon for stations Bay Shore through Speonk. Customers for stations Speonk through Montauk will be bused directly to Speonk where they will connect with train service for the remainder of their trip. Approximately 2,000 eastbound customers will be affected each day, experiencing up to 50 minutes in additional travel time.

#### Westbound

Montauk to Westhampton customers will board trains to Speonk where they will transfer to Babylon bound buses. At Babylon, they will connect with train service to all points west. Approximately 2,100 westbound customers will be affected each day, experiencing up to 39 minutes in additional travel time.

Last October, LIRR forces temporarily relocated approximately 1,000 feet of each of the two main tracks along with LIRR communication cables and poles to an area about 60 feet north of their former location.

The National Grid work included removal of soil contaminated by a manufactured gas plant operation that had previously been located in the area. National Grid is paying for the track relocation and soil remediation work. The project is being carried out with the approval of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

For schedules and fares, customers can contact the LIRR 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/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr)