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Rail Testing To Affect Some MTA LIRR West Hempstead Branch Service, April 20

Four Midday Trains Replaced By Buses

Train service on the Long Island Rail Road's West Hempstead Branch will be affected as rails are inspected by the Sperry Rail Car between Valley Stream and West Hempstead this Tuesday, April 20. Four midday trains, two eastbound and two westbound, between 9:21 AM and 2 PM will be replaced by buses.

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.

Eastbound

Customers on the 10:05 AM and the 12:05 PM trains from Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn (due West Hempstead at 11:01 AM and 1:01 PM respectively) will transfer to buses at Valley Stream Station to complete their trips to stations Westwood through West Hempstead. Customers should anticipate up to 19 minutes additional travel time.

Westbound

Customers on the 10:12 AM and the 12:12 PM trains from West Hempstead will board buses at their stations West Hempstead through Westwood and transfer to trains at Valley Stream Station to complete their trips. Buses will depart up to 19 minutes later than train times and customers will arrive up to 30 minutes later at their final destinations.

For additional travel information, customers can contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center, 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. For additional information, pick up a special timetable or refer to www.mta.info/lirr.