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### MTA LIRR Port Washington Branch Early-Morning Service Affected By Rail Inspections Saturday, March 20

#### *Buses To Be Provided For Affected Customers*

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of four trains on the Port Washington Branch, between Great Neck and Port Washington, in the early morning hours of Saturday, March 20, 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.

Customers on two eastbound and two westbound early-morning trains, between 12:50 AM and 3:45 AM, will be affected. Customers should expect up to 29 minutes additional travel time.

#### Eastbound

Customers on the 12:19 AM Penn Station train due in Port Washington at 1:05 AM and the 1:19 AM Penn Station train due in Port Washington at 2:05 AM, will board buses at Great Neck to complete their trips.

#### Westbound

Customers for the 2:10 AM train from Port Washington due in Penn Station at 2:55 AM and the 3:40 AM Port Washington train due in Penn Station at 4:25 AM, will board buses at their stations and transfer to trains at Great Neck to complete their trips.

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](http://www.mta.info/lirr).