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MTA LIRR Port Jefferson Branch Mid-Day Service Affected By Rail Inspections Wednesday March 31 And Thursday April 1

Buses Replace Trains For Affected Customers

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of trains on the Port Jefferson Branch during the mid-day of Wednesday March 31st and Thursday April 1st. Track inspections will be made by the Sperry Rail Car between 9:56 AM and 3:45 PM on Wednesday, and between 9:56 AM and 2:30 PM on Thursday respectively.

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 Huntington and Port Jefferson buses will replace some east and westbound mid-day trains. Customers should expect 15 to 37 minutes additional travel time.

Eastbound

On Wednesday March 31st, buses will operate between Huntington and Port Jefferson for the following trains:

- The 10:05 AM Hicksville train due in Port Jefferson at 11:10 AM, which will terminate at Huntington
- The 11:51 AM Huntington train due in Port Jefferson at 12:37 PM
- The 1:05 PM Hicksville train due in Port Jefferson at 2:10 PM, which will terminate at Huntington
- The 2:51 PM Huntington train due in Port Jefferson at 3:37 PM

On Thursday, April 1st, buses will operate between Huntington and Port Jefferson for the following trains:

- The 10:05 AM Hicksville train due in Port Jefferson at 11:10 AM, which will terminate at Huntington
- The 11:51 AM Huntington train due in Port Jefferson at 12:37 PM
- The 1:05 PM Hicksville train due in Port Jefferson at 2:10 PM, which will terminate at Huntington

Westbound

On Wednesday March 31st, buses will operate between Port Jefferson and Huntington for the following trains:

- The 10:10 AM Port Jefferson train due in Huntington at 10:58 AM
- The 11:37 AM Port Jefferson train due in Hicksville at 12:43 PM, which will originate at Huntington
- The 1:10 PM Port Jefferson train due in Hicksville at 1:58 PM, which will originate at Huntington
- The 2:37 PM Port Jefferson train due in Huntington at 3:26 PM

On Thursday April 1st, buses will operate between Port Jefferson and Huntington for the following trains:

- The 10:10 AM Port Jefferson train due in Huntington at 10:58 AM
- The 11:37 AM Port Jefferson train due in Hicksville at 12:43 PM, which will originate at Huntington
- The 1:10 PM Port Jefferson train due in Hicksville at 1:58 PM, which will originate at Huntington

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.