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Some Midday Trains on Montauk Branch between Babylon and Speonk Affected by Tie Replacement Work Starting September 12

Buses replace some other midday trains between Patchogue and Montauk on September 14 & 15 Only for Rail Inspection

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will begin tie replacement track work on the Montauk Branch between Babylon and Sayville starting September 12 and continuing through November 6. The work will affect six midday, weekday trains – three eastbound and three westbound – that operate between Babylon and Speonk.

Additionally, on September 14 & 15 only, rail inspection will be performed between Patchogue and Montauk, which will result in bus service being substituted for four other midday trains – two eastbound and two westbound – on the Montauk Branch east of Patchogue, September 14 and east of Speonk, September 15. This replacement bus service for the rail inspection is in addition to the alternate bus and train service already replacing some midday trains between Babylon and Speonk for the track tie replacement work.

Service impacts for tie replacement work – Sept. 12 thru Nov. 6

Eastbound

The 8:52 AM train from Jamaica to Patchogue will be canceled. Customers from Jamaica to Babylon will need to take the 8:11 AM train from Jamaica, arriving Babylon at 8:47 AM. Customers traveling from Babylon through Patchogue will instead take the 8:51 AM train from Babylon to Montauk, which will make all local stops through Patchogue.

11:21 AM train from Babylon to Speonk will be canceled and customers will receive substitute bus service. Customers using the bus service should allow an additional 20 minutes travel time depending on their final destination.

12:21 PM train from Babylon to Patchogue will be canceled. Customers traveling from Babylon through Patchogue will instead take the 12:20 PM train from Babylon to Montauk, which will make all local stops through Patchogue.

Westbound

The 10:20 AM train from Patchogue to Babylon will be canceled. Customers at stations Patchogue through Bay Shore will board buses up to 5 minutes earlier than normal to Babylon, where a transfer to a train can be made for points west.

The 1:20 PM train from Patchogue to Babylon will be canceled. Customers for this train will be accommodated by the 11:38 AM train from Montauk, which departs Patchogue at 1:27 PM and will make all local stops through Babylon.

2:00 PM train from Speonk to Jamaica will be canceled. Customers at stations Speonk through Bay Shore will board buses up to 12 minutes earlier than normal to Babylon, where a transfer to a train can be made for points west.

Service Impact for Rail Inspections September 14 & 15 only

On Wednesday, September 14 and Thursday, September 15 only, rail inspection will be performed on the stretch of track between Patchogue and Montauk using the special Sperry Rail Inspection Car. As a result, the following additional replacement bus service will be in effect those two days as detailed below:

Wednesday, September 14:

Eastbound:

The 8:51 AM train from Babylon to Montauk and the 11:40 AM train from Jamaica to Montauk will both terminate at Patchogue, where customers will board buses bound for stations Bellport through Montauk. Customers should allow for increased travel time of up to 40 minutes.

Westbound:

The 11:38 AM train from Montauk to Jamaica will originate from Patchogue. Customers at stations Montauk through Bellport will board buses, up to 64 minutes later than normal, bound for Babylon, where a transfer to train can be made for points west. Customers should anticipate arriving at their final destinations up to 90 minutes later than normal, depending on their destination.

The 2:51 PM train from Montauk to Jamaica will originate from Patchogue. Customers at stations Montauk through Bellport will board buses, up to 64 minutes later than normal, bound for Patchogue, where a transfer to train can be made for points west. Customers should anticipate arriving at their final destinations up to 91 minutes later than normal, depending on their destination.

Thursday, September 15:

Eastbound:

The 8:51 AM train from Babylon to Montauk and the 11:40 AM train from Jamaica to Montauk will both terminate at Speonk, where customers will board buses bound for stations Bellport through Montauk. Customers should allow for increased travel time of up to 28 minutes.

Westbound:

The 11:38 AM train from Montauk to Jamaica will originate from Speonk. Customers at stations Montauk through Westhampton will board buses, up to 63 minutes later than normal, bound for Babylon, where a transfer to train can be made for points west. Customers should anticipate arriving at their final destinations up to 90 minutes later than normal, depending on their destination.

The 2:51 PM train from Montauk to Jamaica will originate from Speonk. Customers at stations Montauk through Westhampton will board buses, up to 63 minutes later than normal, bound for Patchogue, where a transfer to train can be made for points west. Customers should anticipate arriving at their final destinations up to 91 minutes later than normal, depending on their destination.

The Sperry Rail Car, which will be performing the specialized track inspection, is a bright yellow vehicle fitted with ultrasonic and induction test equipment, and it's 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.

For additional travel information, customers can contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR) or visit the LIRR's website at www.mta.info. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477.