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### Buses Replace Early-Morning Trains at Port Washington, Plandome and Manhasset on Saturday, February 26 for Rail Inspection

MTA Long Island Bus will provide bus and van service in place of four Long Island Rail Road trains at three Port Washington Branch stations in the early morning of Saturday, February 26, in order to allow overnight track inspections. LIRR customers will be able to transfer between trains and buses/vans at the Great Neck Station, and should allow up to 30 minutes of additional travel time in either direction.

#### Changes to Two Eastbound Trains

The trains departing Penn Station at 1:19 AM and 3:19 AM that normally terminate at Port Washington will instead terminate at Great Neck. Customers seeking to travel to Port Washington, Plandome and Manhasset will be able to transfer at Great Neck to buses and ADA-compliant vans that are scheduled to meet these two trains.

#### Changes to Two Westbound Trains

Trains that would normally depart from Port Washington at 2:10 AM and 3:40 AM will instead originate at Great Neck at their usual stop times, 2:20 AM and 3:50 AM, respectively. Buses and vans will pick up customers at Port Washington, Plandome and Manhasset at the regularly scheduled train departure times and will travel to Great Neck to meet special extra westbound trains.

#### Track Inspections Scheduled to Minimize Service Disruptions

These service changes are required to accommodate ultrasonic track inspections conducted by the Sperry Rail Car. The necessary track inspections are being scheduled during the overnight hours so as to impact as few customers as possible. The LIRR estimates that this change will impact approximately 65 eastbound customers and 10 to 15 westbound customers.

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 human eye. Defects that are found will be corrected immediately by a crew of LIRR track maintenance personnel. The Sperry Rail Car is used twice a year to inspect approximately 500 miles of LIRR track.

For additional information, customers can contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR). 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.