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Buses Replace Midday LIRR Trains on Montauk Branch East of Patchogue for Rail Inspection, March 3

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of midday trains on the Montauk Branch east of Patchogue on Thursday, March 3, as track inspections are performed. Customers on three eastbound and three westbound midday trains between Patchogue and Montauk will be affected.

Eastbound: The 8:52 AM, 11:26 AM and 12:07 PM trains from Babylon will terminate at Patchogue instead. Customers will receive bus service for the remainder of the trip east to Speonk and Montauk. Customers should anticipate increased travel time of up to 40 minutes.

Westbound: The 11:19 AM train from Montauk, the 2:07 PM from Speonk, and the 2:51 PM from Montauk will all originate from Patchogue, instead, at 1:10 PM, 2:37 PM and 4:43 PM, respectively. Customers at stations Montauk through Bellport will board buses at their stations for travel to Babylon where a train connection can be made for points west. Customers will board buses up to 47 minutes later than regular scheduled train times and will arrive up to 48 minutes later, 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 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. Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.