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LIRR Ronkonkoma Branch Early-Morning Saturday Service Affected by Track Inspection April 14

Buses Replace Early-Morning Saturday Trains between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of early-morning Saturday trains on the Ronkonkoma Branch, between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma, on April 14 for six hours as track inspections are performed by the Sperry Rail Car.

Substitute bus service will operate as detailed below:

Early-morning service between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma, Sat. April 14

Eastbound:

Customers on the 12:14 AM, 1:16 AM, 2:53 AM and 4:43 AM early-morning Saturday trains from Penn Station to Ronkonkoma on April 14 will transfer to buses at Hicksville for travel to stations Wyandanch through Ronkonkoma.

Customers bound for Bethpage and Farmingdale will stay on these trains to their stations.

Eastbound customers should anticipate arriving at their destinations up to 28 minutes later than normal.

Westbound:

Customers normally on the 12:44 AM, 2:23 AM, 4:00 AM, and 5:10 AM early-morning Saturday trains from Ronkonkoma will board buses instead at stations Ronkonkoma through Wyandanch at regular scheduled train times and transfer to trains at Hicksville to complete their trips.

Bethpage and Farmingdale customers will board their normally scheduled trains at their stations.

Westbound customers should anticipate arriving at their final destination up to 39 minutes later.

In performing the track inspection, 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.

For additional schedule information, customers can pick up the [Special Ronkonkoma Branch timetable card dated April 14](#) or contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and say: Long Island Rail Road. Customers can also visit the [LIRR's website](#) at www.mta.info/lirr. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.