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IMMEDIATE

Buses to Replace Midday Trains on Montauk Branch for Rail Inspections

Off-Peak Outages from 9:15 AM until Noon Set for Monday, March 12 and Thursday, March 15

MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of trains on the Montauk Branch between Babylon and Speonk on Monday, March 12 and between Babylon and Patchogue on Thursday, March 15 from 9:15 AM until noon to allow experts from Sperry to conduct thorough track inspections.

Customers are advised to plan ahead and allow for up to 40 minutes additional travel time depending on day and destination.

Monday, March 12 – 9:15 AM until Noon

Eastbound: Customers traveling east to Bay Shore, Islip, Great River, Oakdale, Sayville, Patchogue, Bellport, Mastic-Shirley and Speonk will travel by train to Babylon where buses will be provided to take them to their final destinations. Customers should allow up to 23 minutes additional travel time.

Westbound: Customers traveling west who usually board trains at Patchogue, Sayville and Patchogue will instead travel by bus to Babylon where train service will resume. Buses will depart up to 12 minutes later than usual train departure times and arrive at their destinations up to 40 minutes later.

Thursday, March 15 – 9:15 AM until Noon

Eastbound: Customers traveling east to Bay Shore, Islip, Great River, Oakdale, Sayville, Patchogue, Bellport, Mastic-Shirley and Speonk will travel by train to Babylon where buses will be provided to take them to their final destinations. Customers should expect up to 23 minutes additional travel time.

Westbound: Customers traveling west who usually board trains at Patchogue, Sayville, Oakdale, Great River, Islip and Bay Shore will instead travel by bus to Babylon where train service will resume. Buses will depart up to 12 minutes later than usual train departure times and arrive at their destinations up to 40 minutes later.

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 special Babylon and Montauk Branch timetables 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](http://www.mta.info/lirr) 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.