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### Some Midday Trains on Montauk Branch between Patchogue and Montauk Affected by Rail Inspections October 10 & 11

#### *Bus Service to operate in place of some midday trains*

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will be performing track inspections between Patchogue and Montauk on Wednesday, October 10 and Thursday, October 11, which will result in bus service being substituted for midday trains.

#### **Wednesday, October 10**

Three eastbound and three westbound midday trains on the Montauk Branch east of Patchogue will receive bus service, as detailed below, while the track inspections are performed on Wednesday, October 10.

#### **Eastbound:**

The 8:52 AM train from Babylon to Montauk, the 11:26 AM train from Babylon to Speonk, and the 12:10 PM train from Babylon to Montauk will all terminate at Patchogue, where customers will board buses bound for stations Bellport through Montauk.

Customers traveling east of Patchogue should allow for increased travel time of up to 41 minutes depending on their final destination.

#### **Westbound:**

The 11:18 AM train from Montauk, the 2:00 PM train from Speonk, and the 2:51 PM train from Montauk – all destined for Jamaica – will originate from Patchogue. Customers at stations Montauk through Bellport will board buses, up to 65 minutes later than normal, bound for Patchogue, where a transfer to a train can be made for points west. In addition, customers using the substitute bus service should anticipate travel time will increase by up to 42 minutes depending on their destination.

#### **Thursday, October 11:**

Two eastbound and two westbound midday trains on the Montauk Branch east of Speonk will receive bus service, as detailed below, while the track inspections are performed on Thursday, October 11.

#### **Eastbound:**

The 8:52 AM train from Babylon to Montauk and the 12:10 PM train from Babylon to Montauk will both terminate at Speonk, where customers will board buses bound for stations Westhampton through Montauk.

Customers should allow for increased travel time of up to 32 minutes depending on their final destination.

#### **Westbound:**

The 11:18 AM train from Montauk and the 2:51 PM train from Montauk – both destined for Jamaica – will originate from Speonk. Customers at stations Montauk through Westhampton will board buses, up to 76 minutes later than normal, bound for Speonk or Patchogue, where a transfer to train can be made for points west. In addition, customers using the substitute bus service should anticipate travel time will increase by up to 42 minutes 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 consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr) or contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and say: Long Island Rail Road. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.

