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### Buses Replace Midday LIRR Trains on Port Jefferson Branch Wednesday & Thursday, March 28 & 29

#### *Bus Service Provided for Customers at Stations Greenlawn through Port Jefferson as Rail Inspection Is Performed*

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of midday trains between Huntington and Port Jefferson following the morning rush on Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 29 while rail inspections are performed. Four eastbound and four westbound trains will be affected on March 28. Three eastbound and three westbound trains will be affected on March 29. Customers should allow up to 60 minutes additional travel time.

#### **Wednesday, March 28**

##### **Eastbound**

- The 10:05 AM and 1:03 PM eastbound trains from Hicksville will terminate at Huntington and customers will transfer to buses to complete their trips.
- The 11:50 AM and 2:50 PM trains from Huntington to Port Jefferson will be canceled and replaced with bus service.

Customers should anticipate arriving at their destinations up to 26 minutes later than normal.

##### **Westbound**

- The 10:10 AM, 1:10 PM and the 2:37 PM trains from Port Jefferson to Huntington will be canceled. Customers for these trains at stations Port Jefferson through Greenlawn, will board buses up to 16 minutes later than normal for Hicksville. At Hicksville, customers will transfer for train service west.
- The 11:37 AM train from Port Jefferson to Hicksville will originate instead at Huntington at its regular time. Customers for this train at stations Port Jefferson through Greenlawn will board buses up to 16 minutes later than normal for Hicksville. At Hicksville, customers will transfer for train service west.

Customers should anticipate arriving at their destinations up to 60 minutes later than normal.

#### **Thursday, March 29**

##### **Eastbound**

- The 10:05 AM and 1:03 PM eastbound trains from Hicksville will terminate in Huntington and customers will transfer to buses to complete their trips.
- The 11:50 AM train from Huntington to Port Jefferson will be canceled and replaced with bus service.

Customers should anticipate arriving at their destinations up to 26 minutes later than normal.

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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 schedule information, customers should pick up a copy of the special track work timetable at Port Jefferson Branch stations or at western LIRR terminals, 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](http://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.