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Buses Replace Midday LIRR Trains on Eastern Portion of Montauk Branch for Rail Inspections, March 13 & 14

Midday Bus Service Provided East of Patchogue, March 13 and East of Speonk, March 14

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of midday trains on the Montauk Branch east of Patchogue on Tuesday, March 13, and east of Speonk on Wednesday, March 14, as track inspections are performed.

March 13 – East of Patchogue

Customers on three eastbound and three westbound midday trains between Patchogue and Montauk will be provided substitute bus service on March 13 during the midday rail testing, as follows:

Eastbound: The 8:52 AM, 11:26 AM and 12:10 PM trains from Babylon will terminate at Patchogue. Customers will receive bus service at Patchogue for the remainder of the trip east to Speonk and Montauk. Customers should anticipate increased travel time of up to 41 minutes, depending on their destination.

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.

March 14 – East of Speonk

Customers on two eastbound and two westbound midday trains between Speonk and Montauk will receive substitute bus service on March 14 during the midday rail testing, as follows:

Eastbound: The 8:52 AM and 12:10 PM trains from Babylon will terminate at Speonk. Customers will receive bus service at Speonk for the remainder of the trip east to Montauk. Customers should anticipate increased travel time of up to 41 minutes, depending on their destination.

Westbound: The 11:18 AM and the 2:51 PM trains from Montauk will originate from Speonk, instead, at 12:37 PM and 4:14 PM, respectively. Customers at stations Montauk through Westhampton 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 34 minutes later than regular scheduled train times and will arrive up to 90 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 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 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.