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Buses Replace Early-Morning LIRR Trains on Portion of Port Washington Branch Saturday, March 24

Buses serve Pt. Washington, Plandome and Manhasset Stations as Rail Inspection Is Performed

Bus and van service will replace four early-morning Long Island Rail Road trains on the Port Washington Branch Saturday, March 24 at three stations – Manhasset, Plandome and Port Washington – in order to allow overnight track inspections. LIRR customers will be able to transfer between trains and buses/vans at the Great Neck Station, and should allow up to 30 minutes of additional travel time in either direction.

Changes to Two Eastbound Trains

The trains departing Penn Station at 1:19 AM and 3:19 AM that normally terminate at Port Washington will instead terminate at Great Neck. Customers seeking to travel to Manhasset, Plandome and Port Washington will be able to transfer at Great Neck to buses and vans that are scheduled to meet these two trains. Customers for these three stations should allow for up to 27 minutes additional travel time depending on their destination.

Changes to Two Westbound Trains

Trains that would normally depart from Port Washington at 2:10 AM and 3:40 AM will instead originate at Great Neck at their usual times, 2:20 AM and 3:50 AM, respectively. Buses and vans will pick up customers at Port Washington, Plandome and Manhasset at the regularly scheduled train departure times and will travel to Great Neck to meet special extra westbound trains. Customers from these three stations will arrive up to 30 minutes later depending on their destination.

Track Inspections Scheduled to Minimize Service Disruptions

These service changes are required to accommodate the specialized track inspections conducted by the Sperry Rail Car. The necessary track inspections are being scheduled during the overnight hours so as to impact as few customers as possible. The LIRR estimates that this change will impact approximately 65 eastbound customers and a dozen westbound customers.

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 human eye. Defects that are found will be corrected immediately by a crew of LIRR track maintenance personnel. 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 Port Washington Branch timetable card 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.