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LIRR

IMMEDIATE

Buses Replace Trains Midday on Tuesday, Sept. 24 & Wednesday, Sept. 25 from Huntington to Port Jeff for Sperry Rail Inspections

Customer Should Allow Up to 35 Minutes Additional Travel Time

MTA Long Island Rail will provide bus service in place of trains between Huntington and Port Jefferson on Tuesday, September 24 and Wednesday, September 25 from 9:56 AM to 2:45 PM while rail inspections are performed.

Tuesday, September 24, 2013/Wednesday, September 25 - 9:56 AM until 3:45 PM

Westbound from Port Jefferson to Penn Station

Trains originally scheduled to leave Port Jefferson at 10:10 AM, 11:36 AM, 1:10 PM and 2:37 PM will be replaced by buses. Customers boarding at stations Port Jefferson, Stony Brook, St. James, Smithtown, Kings Park, Northport and Greenlawn will board buses at their home stations up to 17 minutes later than normal for the ride to Hicksville where can resume their trip west by train. They should anticipate up to 35 minutes extra travel time depending on their destination.

Eastbound from Penn Station to Port Jefferson

The 9:14 AM, 10:34 AM, 12:14 PM and 1:34 PM trains from Penn Station will terminate at Huntington. Customers heading for stations Greenlawn, Northport, Kings Park, Smithtown, St. James, Stony Brook and Port Jefferson will board buses at Huntington for travel to points east. They should anticipate up to 26 minutes extra travel time.

The Sperry Rail Car, which will be performing the specialized track inspection, is a bright yellow train fitted with ultrasonic and induction test equipment and 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 500 miles of LIRR track.

More Information

For additional information, customer can pick up a copy of the special Port Jefferson Branch Sperry Timetable or find it online at the LIRR's website, www.mta.info/lirr or by contacting the LIRR's Customer Service 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 the LIRR at 511.