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### Buses Replace Midday Trains on Port Jefferson Branch Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9 & 10 for Sperry Rail Inspections

#### *Outage Affects Greenlawn Through Port Jefferson from 9:56 AM Until 3:45 PM Each Day*

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 Tuesday, April 9, and Wednesday, April 10, while Sperry rail inspections are performed.

#### **Tuesday, April 9**

##### **Eastbound:**

Two eastbound trains to Port Jefferson scheduled to leave Hicksville at 10:05 AM and 1:05 PM will travel as far Huntington where customers will board buses making stops to Port Jefferson. Two additional eastbound trains to Port Jefferson scheduled to depart Huntington at 11:50 AM and 2:50 PM will also be replaced with buses. Customers should plan for up to 26 minutes of additional travel time.

##### **Westbound:**

Customers between Port Jefferson and Greenlawn who normally travel west on trains departing Port Jefferson at 10:10 AM, 11:36 AM and 1:10 PM and 2:37 PM will take buses at their local stations to Hicksville where they will board trains to continue their journey west. Customers should anticipate arriving at their destinations up to 35 minutes later than normal.

#### **Wednesday, April 10**

##### **Eastbound:**

Two eastbound trains to Port Jefferson scheduled to leave Hicksville at 10:05 AM and 1:05 PM will travel as far Huntington where customers will board buses making stops to Port Jefferson. In addition, the train scheduled to depart Huntington at 11:50 AM will be replaced with buses. Customers should plan for up to 26 minutes of additional travel time.

##### **Westbound:**

Customers between Port Jefferson and Greenlawn who normally travel west on trains departing Port Jefferson at 10:10 AM, 11:36 AM and 1:10 PM will take buses at their local stations to Hicksville where they will board trains to continue their journey west. Customers should anticipate arriving at their destinations up to 35 minutes later than normal.

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. Sperry inspections are conducted twice a year to inspect 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.