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Buses Will Replace Trains between Wyandanch & Ronkonkoma for Sperry Rail Inspections on Saturday, April 6 from 12:45 AM to 6:30 AM

Early Morning Travelers Heading Home from after Midnight Should Plan Ahead

MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service in place of trains on the Main Line between Wyandanch and Ronkonkoma on Saturday, April 6 from 12:45 AM to 6:30 AM to allow experts from Sperry to conduct thorough track inspections. Customers are advised to plan ahead and allow for up to 41 minutes additional travel time depending on their destination.

Eastbound: On trains scheduled to depart Penn Station at 12:14 AM, 1:16 AM, 2:53 AM and 4:43 AM., customers traveling to Wyandanch, Deer Park, Brentwood, Central Islip and Ronkonkoma will board a bus at Hicksville for their stations. Bethpage and Farmingdale customers will stay on the train to their station. Customers should expect up to 24 minutes additional of travel time depending on their destination.

Westbound: Trains normally scheduled to depart Ronkonkoma at 12:44 AM, 2:10 AM, 3:45 AM and 5:37 AM will be replaced by buses which will also pick up customers at Central Islip, Brentwood, Deer Park and Wyandanch and take them to Hicksville where they will continue their journey on trains heading to Penn Station. Bethpage and Farmingdale customers will board their regularly scheduled trains from their station. Customers should allow for up to 41 minutes of additional travel time.

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 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.

Customers can pick up special Wyandanch to Ronkonkoma Babylon 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 MTA website at www.mta.info. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.