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LIRR

IMMEDIATE

Buses Replace Trains on Port Washington Branch East of Great Neck Saturday & Sunday, March 9-10, March 23-24 & April 12-14 for Rehab Work on LIRR's Manhasset Viaduct

No Train Service from Midnight Friday through Monday at 1 AM

MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide bus service between Great Neck and Port Washington over three weekends beginning this Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and March 10 as workers replace bridge timbers on the LIRR viaduct that spans Bayview Ave. in Manhasset. The work will also require the closure of Bayview Ave. to vehicular traffic on all three weekends of the project. Motorists should follow posted detour signs.

Port Washington Branch customers can pick up a copy of the special Port Washington Branch timetable, "Manhasset Viaduct Bridge Timber Replacement Track Work," or view the same special timetable on the MTA website at www.mta.info.

Buses will replace trains after the arrival of the last train at Great Neck at 12:53 AM on Saturday 12:01 AM Friday through 12:07 AM Monday on each of the three work weekends - March 9-10, March 23-24 and April 13-14.

Westbound:

Customers departing from stations Port Washington, Plandome and Manhasset will board a bus or van up to 25 minutes earlier than normal train time, bound for Great Neck where connecting train service will take them to destinations further west. An estimated 2,634 customers will be affected each day.

Eastbound:

Customers traveling to stations east of Great Neck will board a bus or van at Great Neck for stations Manhasset, Plandome and Port Washington. Customer should anticipate 25 minutes of additional train time. As estimated 2,985 customers will be affected each day.

\$335 Million in Bridge and Tunnel Work Underway

LIRR line structures are comprised of 640 bridges, 30 viaducts and 4 tunnels which allow for railroad travel across the region's waterways, highway crossings, and dense urban and suburban areas. The LIRR's bridge and viaduct strategy is based upon condition ratings established through regular inspections and prioritized to first address red flag elements which, if not repaired, could result in adverse service impacts, such as slow zones and load reductions. Through a combined mix of capital and operating solutions, the LIRR cost-effectively preserves safe structural conditions in support of on-time performance and system reliability goals. Currently, the LIRR is undertaking bridge and tunnel rehabilitation projects at a cost of \$335 million.

For More Information

Customers should go to www.mta.info or monitor LIRR service alerts via email. Customers can also call 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 or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.