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Buses Replace Trains on the Port Jefferson Branch for Sperry Rail Testing During Mid-Day, Off-Peak Hours Wednesday, Nov. 12 & Thursday, Nov. 13

Ultrasonic & Induction Testing Designed to Detect Internal Rail Defects Not Visible to the Eye

Buses will replace trains on the Port Jefferson Branch between Huntington and Port Jefferson on Wednesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 13 during mid-day, off-peak hours while track inspections are performed using a specialized rail diagnostic car developed by Sperry Rail.

The Sperry Rail Car 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.

On Wednesday, November 12, buses will replace trains between Huntington and Port Jefferson from 9:56 a.m. to 3:34 p.m. On Thursday, November 13, buses will replace trains between Huntington and Port Jefferson from 9:56 a.m. until 2:37 p.m.

Westbound

Customers traveling west from stations Port Jefferson through Greenlawn will board buses at their station up to 17 minutes later than normal for travel to Hicksville where train service will resume to points west. Customers should anticipate up to 35 minutes additional travel time depending upon their destination. Local bus service will be provided between Port Jefferson and Syosset.

Eastbound

Customers traveling east to stations Greenlawn through Port Jefferson will change at Huntington for bus service to points east. Customers should anticipate up to 26 minutes of additional travel time.

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.