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Ronkonkoma Branch Service Update

Buses Replace Trains from Ronkonkoma to Farmingdale for Track Work and Sperry Rail Testing on Sunday, March 8

Customers Are Advised to Plan Ahead and Allow Extra Time for Travel

Buses will replace train service between Ronkonkoma and Farmingdale from 12:45 a.m. Sunday, March 8, until 1:30 a.m. on Monday, March 9, to accommodate a switch replacement project, track maintenance work and Sperry Rail testing.

Long Island Rail Road workers will be installing a new switch at a track siding in Wyandanch. 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 crews. The Sperry Rail Car is used twice a year to inspect approximately 500 miles of LIRR track.

Westbound

Customers at stations Ronkonkoma through Pinelawn will board a bus to Hicksville up to 39 minutes earlier than regularly scheduled train time. At Hicksville, customers will connect with train service to all points west. Bethpage and Farmingdale customers will board their normally scheduled trains.

Eastbound

Customers will board a bus at Hicksville for stations Pinelawn through Ronkonkoma and should plan up to 31 minutes of additional travel time. Bethpage and Farmingdale customers will stay on the train to their station.

For More Information

Customers should consult the special Ronkonkoma Branch - Track Work and Rail Testing Special Timetable for Sunday, March 8, 2015 at <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/> or pick up a copy at any LIRR stations along the branch. 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.