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Using Ultrasonic Technology, LIRR to Perform Cyclical Rail Safety Testing on Port Jefferson Branch This Saturday

Buses to Substitute For Train Service on Saturday, April 6, During Testing From 12:35 a.m. Until 5:40 p.m. Between Port Jefferson and Huntington

The Long Island Rail Road will perform cyclical rail safety tests on the Port Jefferson Branch on Saturday, April 6, 2019, from 12:35 a.m. until 5:40 p.m. During this time, buses will substitute for trains between Port Jefferson and Huntington.

The rail safety tests are performed by a Sperry Rail Car, a train car fitted with ultrasonic and induction test equipment and is designed to detect internal defects inside the running rails that are not readily visible to the eye. Defects that are found will be corrected immediately by LIRR track maintenance workers.

"We are increasing our use of advanced technology to identify defects in track before they have a chance to fail and cause train delays; we are making repairs in a proactive manner, rather than reactive," said LIRR President Phil Eng. "We've doubled the frequency of these ultrasonic and induction tests to four times a year, from two, which we expect will reduce the number of instances of broken rails and ensuing delayed trains."

Customer should plan for up to 25 minutes of additional travel time while busing is in effect.

Service details for **Saturday, April 6, 2019**, are as follows:

Port Jefferson Branch - [Special Timetable Here](#)

Eastbound

- Last train before busing begins: **10:42 p.m.** on Friday, April 5, from Penn Station; connects to **11:31 p.m.** train from Hicksville to Port Jefferson.
- First train to depart after busing ends: **4:34 p.m.** from Penn Station to Port Jefferson.

Westbound

- Last train before busing begins: **11:22 p.m.** on Friday, April 5, from Port Jefferson to Penn Station.
- First train to depart after busing ends: **5:40 p.m.** from Port Jefferson to Penn Station.

Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about the service changes noted in this press release and all planned service changes is available through the LIRR's real-time service information sources:

MYmta app – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app will see real-time travel information for LIRR and connecting services all in one place. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route. The LIRR Train Time app also remains available for customers to access LIRR train information.

myLIRR.org – Customers can see real-time positions of upcoming trains in real time, on a smartphone-optimized map that refreshes every 3- to 5-seconds, by logging into myLIRR.org.

Email and text message service updates – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting MyMTAAlerts.com. To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

MTA.info – "Service Status" on the homepage of new.mta.info, and at the left side of www.MTA.info is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit www.mta.info/lirr to see special service notices in the upper center of the page.

@LIRR on Twitter – Twitter users can follow @LIRR to receive updates of a similar nature to the email and text alerts, shortened to fit Twitter's format.

The above communications channels can be accessed while at home or on the go. For customers who are located at stations, the LIRR will post the latest service updates on digital signs at station platforms and will make audio announcements over public address systems, and on-board announcements made by train crews.

For those who prefer the telephone, information is available from the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: "Long Island Rail Road". Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.