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IMMEDIATE

LIRR to Conduct Cyclical Rail Safety Tests on Port Jefferson Branch This Saturday, January 26

Buses Will Substitute for Trains between Huntington and Port Jefferson

MTA Long Island Rail Road is advising customers that the railroad will conduct cyclical track safety tests between Huntington and Port Jefferson on Saturday, January 26. 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. Any defects that are found will be corrected immediately by a crew of LIRR track maintenance workers.

As a result of Saturday's tests, Port Jefferson Branch trains will not operate between Huntington and Port Jefferson in both directions, between approximately 12:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Buses will substitute for trains between these stations.

A special Port Jefferson Branch timetable can be found at this link:

[http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/01-26&27%20and%2002-02&03-2019%20-%20PJ%20\(%20B%20\)%20-%20Atlantic%20Overpass%20Rehab%20and%20Sperry%20-%20GO%20404.pdf](http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/01-26&27%20and%2002-02&03-2019%20-%20PJ%20(%20B%20)%20-%20Atlantic%20Overpass%20Rehab%20and%20Sperry%20-%20GO%20404.pdf)

Westbound

Passengers at Port Jefferson, Stony Brook, St. James, Smithtown, Kings Park, Northport and Greenlawn will be able to board buses and vans to connect with trains at Huntington, where train service will resume at regularly scheduled times. Customers should expect to leave **up to 23 minutes earlier** than normal from these stations to meet all westbound connections at Huntington.

Eastbound

Buses will substitute for all train service from Huntington to Port Jefferson. Passengers can expect up to 22 minutes of additional travel time east of Huntington, depending on destination.

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:

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.

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.

MTA.info – The rail tab of the "Service Status" box 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.

