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Buses Will Replace Trains on LIRR's Montauk Branch for Spring Sperry Rail Testing Beginning Monday, April 25 through Thursday, April 28

Hunt for Rail Defects Will Be Conducted During Off-Peak Hours

Buses will replace trains in both directions on the Montauk Branch as sections of track are taken out of service for Sperry Rail Testing during off-peak hours Monday, April 25 through Thursday, April 28. 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 are corrected immediately by a crew of LIRR track maintenance workers. The Sperry Rail Car is used twice a year to inspect some 500 miles of track.

Customers should consult the Special Timetable for the Montauk Branch - Sperry Rail Testing Schedules available at terminals and stations or online at http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/MontaukComboSperryApril25_28_2016.pdf

Monday, April 25 – Babylon to Patchogue

Buses will replace train service between Babylon and Patchogue from 9:16 a.m. until noon.

Eastbound

Customers traveling to stations Bay Shore through Speonk will disembark at Babylon and board buses to their final destination, experiencing up to 23 minutes of additional travel time.

Westbound

Customers at stations Patchogue through Bay Shore will board buses to Babylon where train service will resume. Customers will board buses up to 36 minutes later and travel time will increase by up to 27 minutes.

Tuesday, April 26 – Patchogue to Montauk

Buses will replace train service between Patchogue and Montauk from 8:01 a.m. until 5:41 a.m.

Eastbound

Customers traveling to stations Bellport through Montauk will disembark at Patchogue and board buses to their final destination, experiencing up to 41 minutes additional travel Westbound

Customers at stations Montauk through Bellport will board buses to Patchogue where train service will resume. Customers will board buses up to an hour and 5 minutes later and will experience up to 32 minutes additional travel time.

Wednesday, April 27 – Speonk to Montauk

Buses will replace train service between Speonk and Montauk from 6:49 a.m. until 6:15 p.m.

Eastbound

Customers traveling to station Westhampton through Montauk will disembark at Speonk and board buses to their final destinations. Customers will experience up to 28 minutes of additional travel time.

Westbound

Customers at stations Montauk through Westhampton will board buses to Speonk or Patchogue where train service will resume. Customers will board buses up to one hour and 16 minutes later than usual and travel time will increase by up to 27 minutes.

Thursday, April 28 – Babylon to Patchogue

Buses will replace train service between Babylon and Patchogue from 9:16 a.m. until noon.

Eastbound

Customers traveling to stations Bay Shore through Patchogue will disembark at Babylon and board buses to their final destination, experiencing up to 23 minutes of additional travel time.

Westbound

Customers at stations Patchogue through Bay Shore will board buses to Babylon where train service will resume. Customers will board buses up to 36 minutes later than usual and will experience up to 33 minutes of additional travel time.

For More Information

For up-to-the-minute service info, customers can download the LIRR's Train Time app or sign up for LIRR service alerts at www.mymtaalerts.com. They can also contact the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: Long Island Rail Road. If you are deaf or hearing impaired, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.