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Final Redbird Subway Train Retired From Passenger Service

On Monday, November 3, 2003 the last of the 40-year-old Redbird subway cars will be retired from passenger service. Retirement of the Redbirds from service was made possible through the MTA's 2000-2004 Capital Program investment of \$2 billion in high-tech subway cars that are more comfortable and reliable.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. on Monday, the 11-car Redbird train will leave Times Square on its last passenger run, making all local stops along the No. 7 Flushing Line to Willets Point/Shea Stadium. MTA Chairman Peter S. Kalikow, MTA Executive Director Katherine N. Lapp and NYC Transit President Lawrence G. Reuter will be on board for the historic trip. The train will be removed from service upon arrival at Willets Point and placed on Track 2 for a press conference.

Those wishing to make the trip should be on the Times Square No. 7 platform at about 10:15 a.m. The press conference at Willets Point/Shea Stadium is scheduled to be at 11:15 a.m.