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MTA New York City Transit Introduces 7 Express Service After Mets Home Games

Mets fans looking for a quicker trip to midtown after weeknight home games will now be able to take advantage of express service on the 7 line from the Willets Point/Shea Stadium Station. The service change, which begins following the conclusion of the Mets - Cincinnati Reds game on Thursday, July 12th, will shave about six minutes off the trip, making it the smart choice for many savvy baseball fans headed home.

Express trains will leave Willets Point shortly after the conclusion of each home game and the service will last until about one hour after the game. The express trains will be queued outside of Willets Point and arrive on the middle track every six minutes. The travel time between Willets Point/Shea Stadium and Queensboro Plaza will be trimmed by six minutes from 19 on the local to 13 minutes via express. To Times Square-42nd Street, the ride by express train will also be reduced by six minutes from the 31 minutes it takes the local.

"The introduction of weeknight post-game express service is a major component of an overall initiative with the Mets to get people out of their cars and onto the train," said Elliot G. Sander, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. "The subway has always been the fastest, most economical and ecologically-friendly way to travel to and from the game and the addition of express service makes it even more attractive."

Aside from the addition of express service, local service has been modified so that Manhattan-bound local trains will arrive at Willets Point/Shea Stadium every six minutes. "This amounts to a beefing up of our local service, as well," noted NYC Transit President Howard H. Roberts, Jr. "Shaving time off the homebound trip is important to everyone and our Operations Planning and Department of Subways personnel have come up with a plan that makes the trip home that much easier."

Customers needing help with travel plans to and from Shea Stadium may call our Travel Information Center at 718-330-1234 from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily, or visit www.mta.info to use the Trip Planner feature.