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### MTA LIRR Provides Frequent Service to Shea For Mets Home Opener, April 8

The MTA Long Island Rail Road is providing Mets fans with frequent Shea Stadium service beginning with the home opener against the Phillies tomorrow, April 8, and continuing throughout the season.

Train service to Shea Stadium is available on eastbound Port Washington Branch trains from Penn Station and westbound trains from Great Neck and Port Washington. The train ride is just 18 minutes from Penn Station to Shea Stadium. For those traveling on the LIRR from Long Island, the Stadium is just six minutes from Woodside, 16-17 minutes from Great Neck and 27 minutes from Port Washington.

LIRR customers can receive \$10 off Mets tickets on Mezzanine Reserved and Upper Box seats or \$5 off Upper Reserved seats to 20 select games this season. Further information is available at the Mets website at [www.mets.mlb.com](http://www.mets.mlb.com) and look under Tickets, Special Ticket Offers: "Take the Train to the Game" offer; or by calling 718-507-TIXX.

#### Opening Day, April 8

On Opening Day, April 8, there will be additional eastbound trains from Penn Station to Shea Stadium and additional westbound trains from Great Neck on top of the regular season augmented Mets train schedule. The full listing of Opening Day train service follows:

#### Eastbound (April 8, Opening Day, 1:10 PM Game Start)

On Opening Day, April 8, eastbound trains will depart Penn Station at 10:19 AM, 10:40 AM, 10:49 AM, 11:00 AM, 11:19 AM, 11:49 AM, 12:12 PM, 12:19 PM, 12:29 PM, 12:49 PM and 1:19 PM, 1:49 PM, 2:19 PM, 2:49 PM, 3:18 PM, 3:49 PM, 4:22 PM, 4:25 PM, 4:43 PM, 4:46 PM, 5:11 PM, 5:14 PM and 5:26 PM

#### Westbound (April 8, Opening Day, 1:10 PM Game Start)

On Opening Day, April 8 westbound trains will depart Port Washington at: 10:10 AM, 10:40 AM, 11:10 AM, 11:40 AM, 12:10 PM, 12:40 PM, 1:10 PM, 1:40 PM, 2:10 PM, 2:40 PM, 3:10 PM, 3:40 PM, 4:06 PM, 4:36 PM, and 5:00 PM. Westbound trains will depart Great Neck at 11:25 AM, and 11:43 AM. An additional westbound train departs Shea Stadium at 5:31 PM.

The following Main Line trains will have added Woodside stops for Opening Day:

Eastbound: The 4:54 PM, 5:04 PM, 5:51 PM, the 6:21 PM and the 6:35 PM trains from Penn Station.

Westbound: The 10:04 AM from Huntington, 10:10 AM from Babylon, 11:04 from Huntington, 11:10 AM from Babylon and the 11:11 AM from Long Beach.

Fans traveling from branches other than Port Washington can reach Shea Stadium by taking a regularly scheduled train to Woodside Station, then changing to an eastbound Port Washington Branch train. Since Shea Stadium is located in Zone 1, tickets to that zone from outlying stations are valid to Shea. However, passengers must retain their ticket stubs and inform ticket collectors of their intention to travel to Shea Stadium. Customers must hold onto their tickets, which will be collected at the Shea station after they disembark.

The Railroad's special Family Fare is a great way for future big leaguers to see their favorite team. Children, ages 5 through 11, can ride for only 75-cents each when tickets are purchased at a ticket office or from a ticket machine, during off-peak hours, when accompanied by an adult paying the regular off-peak fare. Parents with monthly or weekly tickets just pay for the children. Up to four children can travel with each parent (or guardian, 18 or older) at this special rate. The Family Fare is \$1 per child if purchased on-board a train. For travel during peak hours, the child fare is one-half the regular one-way fare. Children under 5 ride for free at all times.

#### Leaving Shea Stadium after the game:

To ensure orderly boarding of LIRR trains after the game while the NYC Parks Department completes repairs to the Passarelle Overpass, eastbound and westbound customers will be directed to different queues. Extra LIRR personnel will be on hand to direct customers and answer questions. Announcements will provide customers with train departure information.

Westbound customers should listen to announcements and follow signs for Woodside and Penn Station destinations.

Eastbound customers should listen to announcements and follow signs for Great Neck and Port Washington destinations.

Shea Stadium timetables are available at LIRR ticket offices and terminals. Fans can also contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center. The numbers are, in Suffolk County 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County 516-822-LIRR or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers can also consult the LIRR's web site [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).