



MTA Press Releases

Press Release

April 9, 2008

NYC Transit

IMMEDIATE

New York City Transit Provides Enhanced Mets Post-Game 7 Express Service

Three-Stop Ride to Manhattan

[Service Information Poster](#) (PDF)

In an ongoing effort to encourage more people to "Take the Train to the Game" when the New York Mets play home games at Shea Stadium, MTA New York City Transit yesterday announced that it will for the first time introduce Manhattan-bound 7 Express service after all Mets weekend home games at Shea, in addition to the Manhattan-bound 7 Express service introduced last year after weeknight games.

The new "Post Game Express" service will run after all weeknight home games, and provide a three stop ride to Manhattan, stopping at Woodside, Queensboro Plaza and Grand Central. 7 express trains will make all stops between Grand Central and Times Square. The first ever weekend express service (day or evening game) from Shea, will also follow the 'Post Game Express' service plan. Also, 7 express service will be reversed one hour earlier for weekday matinee home games (first Main St.-bound Express departs Times Square at approximately 11:34 a.m.).

"Taking the Train to the Game is a great example of what NYC Transit services offer-an efficient, convenient and inexpensive way to get to the game while creating memories that will last a lifetime," said MTA Executive Director & CEO Elliot Sander. "Last season alone, more than 700,000 Mets fans took advantage of beefed-up 7 service (an increase of 18% from 2006), using the Flushing Line to make it out to the ballgame and, more importantly, travel back home again."

This initiative is part of NYC Transit's "Take the Train to the Game" campaign, a multi-year collaborative effort with the N.Y. Mets aimed at encouraging riders to use mass transit as an alternative to driving, especially since there are fewer available parking spaces at Shea during construction of Citi Field.

To make traveling easier, the Willets Point-Shea Stadium station features an efficient, new layout on game days. Fans will be able to use all the stairs and ramps to get out of the station. "Our riders will notice the biggest change once the games are over," said Steven Feil, SVP Department of Subways. "We have reconfigured the mezzanine to allow for a more free-flowing environment for fans heading up to the subway to swipe their MetroCard or those heading to the boardwalk to reach the Long Island Rail Road."

NYC Transit not only provides service that is faster and more environmentally friendly than driving, it also gets you into games cheaper, too. Fans who mention "MetroCard" when purchasing tickets at www.mets.com or by calling 718-507-TIXX will be in line for discounted tickets (\$10 or \$5 off) to select games. And don't forget, fans can also collect "Great Moments at Shea" MetroCards - a set of four - featuring Shea Stadium and other great Mets images. The first in the series goes on sale later this month at select stations along the 7 Line.

Not only does NYC Transit help Mets fans get in cheaper, we get them there and home faster. Remember, prior to matinee games, 7 express service from Manhattan to Shea Stadium will start one hour earlier, at about 11:30 a.m. To evening home games, regular evening rush hour service means a train every 2½ minutes. For detailed directions to Shea Stadium, visit our Trip Planner at <http://tripplanner.mta.info/>.