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Billy Joel at Shea Stadium's Final Concert

The 7 is the Way to Go!

Fans in a New York state of mind will be able to take mass transit to enjoy six-time Grammy winner, Billy Joel, in the last music concert at Shea Stadium before it is torn down at the end of the 2008 season. The concerts are on Wednesday, July 16 and Friday, July 18 and attendance is expected to be higher - possibly up to 63,000 per show - than even a World Series game. The stadium will add over 9,000 seats on the field.

Ridership is also expected to be higher as historically, musical events draw more subway riders than sporting events. In order to meet the demand, MTA NYC Transit will be adding service both before and after the concert on the Flushing 7 line.

The gates at the Shea are expected to open at 6 p.m. Transit will provide up to 4 extra trips or about 20 percent more service from Manhattan in the hour before the 8 p.m. show time. After the event, extra trains will be on hand to provide express service. Customers are encouraged to use local as well as express 7 service where possible and buy their MetroCards in advance.