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### Introducing Metro-North Service to Meadowlands Football Games

#### *Direct New Haven Line Service Begins September 20*

Former Jets wide receiver Wayne Chrebet will join MTA Metro-North Railroad President Howard Permut on Sunday September 20 to kick off direct train service on the New Haven Line to the New Jersey Meadowlands Sports Complex.

Chrebet and Permut will meet and greet customers at the Larchmont train station at 9:30 a.m. then board the 10:18 a.m. train for the ride to New Jersey.

The service uses NJ Transit's new bi-level coaches, Metro-North and NJ Transit crews and Amtrak's tracks on the Hell Gate Line, part of the Northeast Corridor, through the east Bronx and Queens into Penn Station, New York and on to Secaucus. There customers change trains for the quick shuttle to the Meadowlands station, which is right next to the stadium.

"Three railroads and three states came together to provide one fantastic service," said Metro-North President Howard Permut. "This test of regional integration took several years of planning but only minor investment in infrastructure. We think this tri-state train service – a first in the century-long history of these three railroads - will be great for football fans. No traffic, no parking lot jam-ups and a safe, easy ride will make getting to and from the games a breeze. I hope it catches on."

"The new Meadowlands Rail Line offers a great way to avoid the hassle and expense of driving and parking, taking pressure off of roadways," said NJ Transit Executive Director Richard Sarles. "Metro-North thru service is a good example of interagency cooperation that will enhance regional travel and give New York and Connecticut riders the opportunity to travel to New Jersey's great sports and entertainment venues."

"Every Jets and Giants home game attracts numerous Connecticut fans," said Connecticut DOT Commissioner Joe Marie. "Taking the train to the game will make a fun day even more so. Metro-North and my counterparts in New York and New Jersey are to be commended for pulling this new service together."

This pilot program operates only on Sunday afternoons when the Jets and the Giants, New York's two professional football teams, play 1 p.m. home games. The NJT equipment used for the three round-trips between New Haven and Secaucus is only available for early afternoon games because the trains are needed for regular Monday morning rush-hour service.

The only infrastructure investment involved the installation of magnets along the right of way where there are electrical phase breaks, where energy providers change along the 86-mile route.

Direct service is provided to/from the following stations: New Haven, Bridgeport, Fairfield, Westport, South Norwalk, Stamford, Greenwich, Rye and Larchmont. Connections are available to the New Canaan Branch at Stamford. For Danbury and Waterbury branch lines, check the schedule for connections, or drive to a New Haven Line station from which direct service is provided. Free weekend parking is available at many New Haven Line stations.

From New Haven, the approximate travel time to the Meadowlands is 2 hr. 40 min, from Stamford 1 hr. 45 min., from Bridgeport 2 hr. 20 min., and from Rye it is 1 hr. 30 min.

The train trip to the Meadowlands also can be accomplished by Hudson and Harlem line customers with a single ticket, although the non-direct service requires people to get from Grand Central, where the Hudson and Harlem lines terminate, to Penn Station, either by subway or a short walk. Both direct New Haven Line service and non-direct train service to the Meadowlands save on tolls and traffic.

Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess county residents may prefer to drive over the Tappan Zee Bridge to the Spring Valley, Nanuet, and Pearl River Stations of the Pascack Valley Line for direct service to Secaucus. All three Metro-North stations are minutes from Exit 14 (Route 59). Weekend parking is free at these stations. Port Jervis Line customers can travel from stations on the New York portion of the Pascack Valley Line for the most frequent service.

Customers can purchase a round-trip rail ticket to the Meadowlands Sports Complex Station at any Metro-North ticket office, ticket machine, or through WebTicket. Pascack Valley Line customers purchase tickets from NJ Transit.

Metro-North sells tickets to the Meadowlands Sports Complex for Giants and Jets home games only. They are NOT VALID for any other events taking place at the Sports Complex.

The price of a round-trip ticket to the Meadowlands Sports Complex Station is the same as the round-trip fare from any station to Grand Central Terminal PLUS \$7.75 (for the portion of the trip from Penn Station-NY to the Meadowlands Sports Complex Station).

For these special football trains monthly and weekly Metro-North commuters (to/from the Manhattan) pay an extra \$7.75 to go to and from the Meadowlands.

Visit [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) for Metro-North fare information.

For direct service New Haven Line trains, you only need a round-trip ticket from your boarding station to the Meadowlands Sports Complex Station. Your ticket is valid for travel on both Metro-North and NJ Transit.

Through WebTicket purchase a round-trip ticket to the Meadowlands Sports Complex Station online and save an additional 5% off the Metro-North portion. Make WebTicket purchases no less than five days prior to the game to ensure on-time delivery.

Customers should buy tickets in advance as on-board fares are \$6 higher. Tickets to the Meadowlands Sports Complex Station are not available on-board trains.

Save 15% with a Ten-Trip off-peak ticket (for Hudson, Harlem, and New Haven lines only.) Family and friends share the same ticket. Ten-Trip tickets are valid for one year.

Those traveling with the kids save with Metro-North's Family Fare: children 5-11 years of age ride for only 75 cents each way, all the way to the Meadowlands Sports Complex Station.

For complete information about Metro-North's new service to the Meadowlands, visit [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). For information about West of Hudson ticket discounts visit [www.njtransit.com](http://www.njtransit.com).