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Media Advisory: MTA LIRR Provides Service To Mets-Willets Point Station For Paul McCartney's Concerts At Citi Field

Three McCartney performances are on July 17, 18 & 21

MTA Long Island Rail Road will be providing additional train service to its Mets-Willets Point Station for Paul McCartney's three concert performances at Citi Field on July 17, 18 and 21.

LIRR train service to Mets-Willets Point Station 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 16 minutes from Penn Station to Mets-Willets Point Station. For those traveling on the LIRR from Long Island, it's just six minutes from Woodside, 16-17 minutes from Great Neck and 27 minutes from Port Washington.

McCartney fans traveling from branches other than Port Washington can reach Mets-Willets Point Station by taking a regularly scheduled train to Woodside Station, then changing to an eastbound Port Washington Branch train. Ronkonkoma Branch customers should note that buses replace train service east of Farmingdale on Saturday, July 18. Since Mets-Willets Point Station is located in Zone 1, tickets to that zone from outlying stations are valid to this station. However, passengers must retain their ticket stubs and inform ticket collectors of their intention to travel to Mets-Willets Point Station. Rail tickets will be collected at Mets-Willets Point Station after customers disembark.

Concert goers are advised to purchase round-trip tickets prior to boarding.

The LIRR's train service is as follows (concerts start at 6:30 PM):

Friday, July 17 & Tuesday, July 21

Eastbound: Trains will depart Penn Station at 3:49 PM, 4:25 PM, 4:46 PM, 5:14 PM, 5:29 PM, 5:50 PM, 5:56 PM, 6:14 PM, 6:29 PM, 6:42 PM, 7:14 PM, 7:49 PM, 8:19 PM, 8:48 PM, 9:18 PM, 9:48 PM, 10:18 PM, 10:48 PM, 11:18 PM, 11:48 PM, 12:19 AM and 1:18 AM (Wednesday morning); 1:19 AM (Saturday morning).

Westbound: Trains will depart Port Washington at 4:06 PM, 4:36 PM, 5 PM, 5:23 PM, 6:24 PM, 7:09 PM, 7:39 PM, 8:09 PM, 8:39 PM, 9:09 PM, 9:39 PM, 10:09 PM, 10:39 PM, 11:39 PM, 12:40 AM and 1:39 AM (Wednesday morning); 1:40 AM (Saturday morning).

Trains will also depart Great Neck at 5:44 PM, 6:04 PM, 6:20 PM, and 6:44 PM.

The following Main Line trains will have added Woodside stops for the concerts:

Eastbound: Trains leaving Penn Station at 10:16 PM, 10:41 PM, 11:09 PM, 11:34 PM, 12:14 AM, 1:11 AM (Wednesday morning) and 1:16 AM (Saturday morning).

Westbound: 3:35 PM from Huntington, 3:42 PM, 4:09 PM, 4:35 PM and 4:39 PM trains from Babylon, 5:14 PM and 7:49 PM from Long Beach, 5:53 PM from Far Rockaway, 6:09 PM, 6:39 PM and 7:09 PM trains from Babylon.

Ronkonkoma Branch Customers returning from Friday night's concert:

Note: The last train that will operate all the way to Ronkonkoma will be the 12:14 AM train from Penn Station, which will stop at Woodside Station at 12:26 AM. Ronkonkoma Branch Customers departing the concert must take the 12:06 AM westbound train from Mets-Willets Point Station, arriving Woodside Station at 12:12 AM to connect with the last train through to Ronkonkoma. Ronkonkoma Branch track work starting after the operation of this last train will result in bus service at Hicksville for customers traveling east of Farmingdale on Saturday, July 18.

Saturday, July 18

Eastbound: Trains will depart Penn Station at 4:19 PM, 4:48 PM, 5:19 PM, 5:48 PM, 5:59 PM, 6:19 PM, 6:35 PM, 6:48 PM, 7:19 PM, 7:48 PM, 8:19 PM, 8:48 PM, 9:19 PM, 9:48 PM, 10:19 PM, 10:48 PM, 11:19 PM, 12:19 AM and 1:19 AM (Sunday morning).

Westbound: Trains will depart Port Washington at 4:10 PM, 4:39 PM, 5:10 PM, 5:39 PM, 6:10 PM, 6:39 PM, 7:10 PM, 7:39 PM, 8:10 PM, 8:39 PM, 9:10 PM, 9:39 PM, 10:10 PM, 10:39 PM, 11:40 PM, 12:40 AM and 1:40 AM (Sunday morning).

Trains will also depart Great Neck at 5:59 PM and 6:35 PM.

The following Main Line trains will have added Woodside stops for the concerts:

Eastbound: Trains leaving Penn Station at 10:24 PM, 10:35 PM, 11:10 PM, 11:29 PM, and 12:15 AM (Sunday morning).

Westbound: 4:03 PM, 5:03 PM, 6:03 PM and 7:03 PM trains from Huntington, 4:02 PM, 6:02 PM and 6:28 PM trains from Babylon.

Ronkonkoma Branch Customers – Saturday, July 18:

Note: Train service on the Ronkonkoma Branch east of Farmingdale will be replaced with buses throughout the day on Saturday, July 18 as track work is performed between 12:45 AM on Saturday and 12:40 AM on Sunday. This will affect customers traveling to and from Woodside to connect with Port Washington Branch trains to Mets-Willets Point Station for the Saturday evening's Paul McCartney concert at Citi Field.

As an alternative to the bus service, LIRR Ronkonkoma Branch customers east of Farmingdale may wish to drive to Farmingdale, Bethpage or Hicksville stations for train service; or use Babylon Branch service.

The replacement bus service on the Ronkonkoma Branch on Saturday, July 18 will operate as follows:

Westbound (traveling to the concert): Customers from stations Ronkonkoma through Wyandanch will board buses at their station then transfer to trains at Hicksville to complete their trips. Customers should expect increased travel time of up to 50 minutes.

Eastbound (returning from the concert): Customers for stations Wyandanch through Ronkonkoma will board buses at Hicksville to complete their trips. Customers should anticipate increased travel times of up to 23 minutes.

Local trains will operate normally between Ronkonkoma and Greenport.

For complete LIRR schedule and fare information, 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.