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Jets and Giants Fans Can Now Take the Train to the Game

LIRR and Metro-North One-Ticket Service Begins this Friday with the First Pre-Season Game

Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and NJ TRANSIT officials held a tailgating party at Penn Station today to remind area football fans that kickoff is just a one-ticket ride away. NJ TRANSIT's new rail line to the Meadowlands Sports Complex delivers football fans to a new station at the stadium's doorstep. This new rail link will now provide Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad customers with a one-ticket ride from LIRR and Metro-North territory to the Meadowlands for Giants or Jets home games. NYC Transit customers are just a bus or subway ride away from the Penn Station connection. Fans can now avoid the hassles associated with traffic, bridge and tunnel tolls and parking.

"It's the economical and stress-free way to see our hometown NFL teams," said MTA Interim Executive Director and CEO Helena E. Williams. "Jets and Giants ticket holders are sure to love making the trip with fellow football fans and you can rely on the MTA's subways, buses and rails to get you there safely."

Metro-North Railroad President Howard Permut said: "Metro-North is pleased to be a part of this new and important initiative. People can now get to the game with a one-ticket ride. It's simple and convenient for customers. And that, we hope, makes the new service attractive."

"The new Meadowlands Rail Line delivers sports fans from across the tri-state area to the doorstep of the stadium, allowing them to avoid the hassles of traffic, tolls and parking when attending games," said NJ TRANSIT Executive Director Richard Sarles. "In addition, Metro-North thru service and the new joint ticketing option are good examples of inter-agency cooperation that will enhance regional travel and make it easier for people to take the train to New Jersey for large events."

Fans traveling from Long Island can take a regularly scheduled LIRR train to Penn Station and hop aboard an NJ TRANSIT train to Secaucus Junction Station. Of course, NYC Transit customers can take a bus or subway to Penn Station to connect with the NJ TRANSIT service. There is also non-direct service for Metro-North customers from Harlem and Hudson lines and from the New Haven line for games other than Sunday 1:00 p.m. games. Customers can use their MetroCard to transfer at Grand Central Terminal for the subway to Penn Station. Pascack Valley service for Rockland and Orange residents as well as Hudson and Harlem line customers who drive to Spring Valley offers both one-ticket rides as well as service to the Meadowlands Sports Complex (via Secaucus Junction) for all Giants and Jets games.

In addition, Metro-North will be introducing a new direct service from major New Haven Line stations to the Meadowlands (via Secaucus Junction) for football games starting at 1 p.m. From there, shuttle trains will bring fans directly to the new Meadowlands Station and the game. Metro-North New Haven line direct service begins as the regular season kicks off on Sunday, September 20 with the NY Jets/New England Patriots game that starts at 1 p.m.

LIRR and Metro-North customers can purchase round-trip tickets at any Metro-North or LIRR ticket office, ticket machine, or through WebTicket at www.mta.info. The round-trip, one-ticket ride purchase is good for travel on the LIRR or Metro-North and NJ TRANSIT on game days for the standard fare plus \$7.75 for the NJ TRANSIT portion of travel.

Since NJ TRANSIT does not sell the joint ticket, LIRR and Metro-North customers are advised to purchase the special round-trip ticket prior to boarding their LIRR or Metro-North train. Customers can save 5% off the LIRR or Metro-North portion of the fare if they purchase their tickets online from WebTicket at www.mta.info. Purchase tickets at least five business days prior to the game to ensure on-time delivery.

One-ticket rides start with the first pre-season kickoff on Friday, August 14 with the NY Jets/St. Louis Rams game that starts at 7 p.m. The "Train to the Game" tickets are not valid for any other Meadowlands event or travel. Customers are advised that coolers and oversized containers are not allowed in the stadium.

For additional information on LIRR service to the game, visit <http://mta.info/lirr/pubs/TrainToTheGame/>. For Metro-North service to the game, visit <http://mta.info/mnr/html/nflstadium.htm> or www.njtransit.com for more information and links to train schedules. Customers can also call the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center: New York City (718) 217-LIRR; Nassau (516) 822-LIRR; Suffolk (631) 231-LIRR; and TDD (Hearing Impaired) (718) 558-3022. Metro-North customers can call 212-532-4900.