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Take the 7 Train to the US Tennis Open

The fastest and most convenient way to and from the 2009 US Tennis Open is by taking the 7 train to the Mets-Willets Point subway station, which is right next to Flushing Meadow Park where the Open is being held.

For weekday afternoon and all weekend matches, there is local service only to the Open. However, for evening matches, express service whisks customers from Midtown Manhattan to Flushing. Customers attending night matches, including weekends, may benefit from express service back to Manhattan. Several extra trains, which are queued outside of Mets-Willets Point and arrive on the middle track every six minutes, will leave the station shortly after the conclusion of the final evening's match, and this extra service runs until about one hour after the game.

The Flushing Line's Mets-Willets Point subway station has been substantially refurbished, improving station appearance while also introducing accessible features. Customers stepping off the 7 train will immediately notice that the station's three platforms have been renewed with the installation of new rubbing boards and new ADA platform edge tactile strips. The platform concrete slabs and canopy column bases have all been repaired while the platform stairways have been upgraded with new treads and railing. Additionally, the entire station has been freshly painted.

In the initial phase of making the station accessible, ADA features have been added to the Flushing-bound local platform. The two existing wooden elevated walkways (ramps) connecting the Flushing-bound local platform to the station mezzanine were modified to make them ADA compliant; furthermore, a new ADA ramp was built connecting the existing ramps to the sidewalk on the south side of Roosevelt Avenue. The existing ramps connect to the station mezzanine and not to the street level, necessitating the construction of the new ramp, which was built in the adjacent parking lot belonging to the New York City Parks Department. The two existing ramps also belong to the Parks Department as will the new ramp.

For persons with disabilities, there are some important things to note in preparation for the trip to Flushing Meadows Park, which is accessible on match days and Mets game days only. Customers needing to use the station's accessible features must board the 7 local. Green lights illuminated in the shape of a circle around the 7 route marker identify the train as a local. Access is available from 90 minutes before until 90 minutes after matches. ADA access to the station is from Flushing-bound trains only.

Customers needing help with travel plans to and from Citi Field may log onto www.mta.info to use the Trip Planner feature or call our Travel Information Center at 718-330-1234 from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.