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### MTA LIRR Makes Extra Stops to U.S. Open Tennis Finals Sept. 13

The MTA/ Long Island Rail Road is adding trains and making extra stops to the U.S. Tennis Open because inclement weather pushed the Women's Doubles and Men's Finals back to Monday, Sept. 13. The Mets-Willets Point Station is just a short walk to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. It's the fastest and most convenient way to get to the action, which begins at 3:00 PM.

The train ride is just 19 minutes from Penn Station to the Mets-Willets Point Station. For those traveling from Long Island, the tennis stadium is just six minutes from Woodside, 17 minutes from Great Neck and 27 minutes from Port Washington.

Following is LIRR extra service to the Mets-Willets Point Station for the U.S. Tennis Open Monday, Sept. 13:

Eastbound:

Departing Penn Station at 11:49 AM, 12:49 PM, 1:03 PM, 1:49 PM, 2:49 PM, 3:03 PM and 3:40 PM.

Westbound:

Departing Port Washington 12:08 PM, 1:08 PM, 2:08 PM and 3:08 PM and departing Great Neck 1:58 PM and 3:58 PM.

Regular service will continue throughout the day and into the evening to accommodate tennis fans and also those attending the Mets game scheduled to start at 7:10 PM.

Customers traveling to Mets-Willet Point Station from branches other than Port Washington can take the LIRR to Woodside Station, then transfer to a Port Washington Branch train. Since Mets-Willets Point Station is located in Fare Zone One, tickets to that zone from outlying stations are valid to Mets-Willets Point. However, customers must hold onto their ticket stubs and inform ticket collectors of their intention to travel to Mets-Willets Point.

LIRR Customers with mobility impairments who are traveling to the U.S. Open should travel to Woodside Station. At Woodside Station, which is ADA accessible, customers should transfer to a Flushing-bound #7 subway train to the Mets-Willets Point subway stop, and then use the ramp to reach Roosevelt Avenue, across from the ballpark. To return to Woodside after the game, customers with mobility impairments should board the #7 subway and travel one-stop east to its end point, the Flushing-Main Street Station. There, after a brief wait on the train, the subway will head west to Woodside. This is necessary due to the location of the ramp, which will only permit access to the eastbound platform.

For additional information, customers can contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center, in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County at 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.