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### HEY, JETS AND GIANTS FANS: TAKE THE TRAIN TO THE GAME TONIGHT

#### *MTA LIRR offers one-ticket ride from Long Island to football games at the Meadowlands*

The MTA Long Island Rail Road takes no sides when Gang Green meets Big Blue tonight (August 16, 8 PM). Fans of both teams can travel to the New York Jets/Giants game tonight and all season long by purchasing a single ticket for train service from Long Island to the new "Meadowlands" Station. The single-purchase, round-trip ticket is good for travel on the LIRR and New Jersey Transit (NJT) on game days for the standard LIRR fare plus \$10.50 for the NJT portion of travel.

Forget about traffic, bridge and tunnel tolls and parking. New Jersey Transit's rail line to the Meadowlands delivers football fans to a new station at the doorstep of the stadium. Simply take a regular scheduled LIRR train to Penn Station and hop aboard an NJT train to Secaucus Junction Station. From there, NJT's Meadowlands shuttle train will bring fans directly to the new Meadowlands Station and the game. In all, it's about a 20-minute trip from Penn Station.

Other pre-season games include:

Saturday, August 21 with the NY Giants vs Pittsburgh Steelers (7 PM start).

Friday, August 27 with the NY Jets vs Washington Redskins (7 PM start).

Thursday, September 2 with the NY Giants vs New England Patriots (7 PM start).

The regular season kicks off on Sunday, September 12 with the NY Giants facing the Carolina Panthers (1 PM Start). The Jets season home opener is Monday, September 13, vs Baltimore at 7:00 PM.

#### **Buying "Train to the Game" tickets:**

From any Long Island Rail Road station to the Meadowlands Sports Complex, tickets can be purchased in the following ways:

At Ticket Office or Ticket Machine:

Purchase a round-trip joint ticket for travel to the "Meadowlands" Station. The price is the standard LIRR fare plus \$10.50 for round-trip NJT portion of travel. NJT one-way fare is \$5.25. Since NJT does not sell the joint ticket, LIRR customers are advised to purchase the special round-trip ticket prior to boarding their LIRR train.

Online in Advance from WebTicket:

Purchase a round-trip ticket to the "Meadowlands" Station from WebTicket at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). Save 5% off the LIRR portion of the fare. Purchase tickets at least five business days prior to the game to ensure on-time delivery.

LIRR monthly ticket holders simply need to purchase an NJT ticket to Meadowlands at Penn station at the NJT ticket windows or ticket machines before boarding. Allow extra time for ticket purchase because lines may be long.

#### **Travel Info**

- Remember, the LIRR and New Jersey Transit are not direct connections, so time your trip accordingly.
- After the game, shuttles will run up to two hours as needed back to Secaucus Junction.
- The Meadowlands Stadium does not allow coolers or any oversized containers on their property.
- The Train to the Game tickets are valid for other Meadowlands select events, such as Navy vs Notre Dame football at 1 PM on October 23.

Visit the LIRR's "Take the Train to the Game" webpage at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) or [www.njtransit.com](http://www.njtransit.com) for more information and links to train schedules. Follow the LIRR on twitter@LIRRTrain2Game or Facebook@MTALIRR.

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; TDD (Hearing Impaired) (718) 558-3022.