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### MTA LIRR Is No-Hassle Way to Mets-Yanks Subway Series at Citi Field

#### *Avoid the LIE and the Parking Fee - Take the Train to the Game!*

With the Mets and Yankees scheduled to play three games at Citi Field this weekend in the latest battle over New York's baseball bragging rights, MTA Long Island Rail Road wants to remind fans that no one can beat the train service it is providing for the series. LIRR service to Mets-Willets Point Station right outside Citi Field is speedy and reliable and lets you avoid traffic tie-ups and parking fees.

Direct train service to the ballpark is available from Penn Station, Woodside, and all stations on the Port Washington Branch. The ride from Penn Station is just a quick 19 minutes. The ballpark is just 17 minutes from Great Neck and 27 minutes from Port Washington. For those traveling from Long Island on other branches, fans can reach Citi Field by changing at Woodside, just a five-minute ride from the stadium.

#### **To Game 1: Tonight, Friday, June 22 (First Pitch 7:10 PM)**

##### **Eastbound:**

Trains will depart Penn Station at 2:49 PM, 3:18 PM, 3:49 PM, 4:25 PM, 4:46 PM, 5:14 PM, 5:29 PM, 5:50 PM, 5:56 PM, 6:14 PM, 6:42 PM, 7:14 PM, 7:49 PM and 8:19 PM, and will then continue every half hour at :48 and :18 past the hour throughout the duration of the game. Peak fares apply for the trains departing between 4:25 and 7:49 PM. All of these trains will stop at Woodside 11 minutes after departing from Penn Station.

##### **Westbound:**

The Port Washington Branch will offer 10 trains arriving at Mets-Willets Point between 4:05 PM and 6:59 PM and half-hourly service will continue through the duration of the game. Check the special Mets-Willets Point timetables for details, as some trains originate at Great Neck and some run as expresses or partial expresses

#### **From the Game:**

##### **Eastbound:**

Trains will depart Mets-Willets Point every half hour, at: 05 and: 35 minutes past the hour, until 1:36 AM. Saturday. All trains will make all local stops to Port Washington.

##### **Westbound:**

Trains bound for Penn Station and Woodside will depart Mets-Willets Point every half hour at :06 and :36 minutes past the hour between 8:36 PM and 11:06 PM, and then also at 12:06 AM and 1:07 AM.

#### **To Game 2 – Saturday, June 23 (First Pitch 7:15 PM)**

##### **Eastbound**

Trains will depart Penn Station at 4:18 PM, 4:48 PM, 5:18 PM, 5:48 PM, 6:18 PM, 6:48 PM, 7:18 PM, 7:48 PM, 8:18 PM, 8:48 PM, 9:18 PM, 9:48 PM, 10:18 PM, 10:48 PM, 11:18 PM, 12:19 AM and 1:19 AM.

##### **Westbound**

The Port Washington Branch will offer five trains arriving at Mets-Willets Point between 4:07 PM and 7:07 PM and half-hourly service will continue through the duration of the game. Check the special Mets-Willets Point timetables for details, as some trains originate at Great Neck and some run as expresses or partial expresses

#### **From the Game:**

##### **Westbound**

Trains bound for Penn Station and Woodside will depart Mets-Willets Point every half hour at :07 and :38 minutes past the hour between 7:07 PM and 11:07 PM and then also 12:07 AM and 1:07 AM.

##### **Eastbound**

Trains bound for Port Washington Station will depart Mets-Willets Point every half hour at :06 and :35 minutes past the hour between 8:06 PM and 11:35 PM, and then also at 12:36 AM and 1:36 AM

### **To Game 3 – Sunday, June 24 (First Pitch 8 PM \* NEW TIME)**

#### **Eastbound:**

Trains will depart Penn Station at 4:18 PM, 4:48 PM; 5:18 PM, 5:48 PM, 6:18 PM, 6:48 PM, 7:18 PM, 7:48 PM, 8:18 PM and will then continue every half hour at :48 and :18 past the hour throughout the duration of the game All of these trains will stop at Woodside 11 minutes after departing from Penn Station.

#### **Westbound:**

The Port Washington Branch will offer 7 trains arriving at Mets-Willets Point between 3:40 PM and 7:09 PM and half-hourly service will continue through the duration of the game

### **From the Game:**

#### **Eastbound:**

Trains will depart Mets-Willets Point every half hour, at: 06 and: 35 minutes past the hour, until 1:35 AM. All trains will make all local stops to Port Washington.

#### **Westbound:**

Trains bound for Penn Station and Woodside will depart Mets-Willets Point every half hour at :07 and :38 minutes past the hour between 8:36 PM and 11:07 PM, and then also at 12:07 AM and 1:07 AM.

Trains are subject to be held at Mets-Willets Point at the conclusion of games for loading purposes, which may result in missed connections at Woodside or Penn Station.

### **Fares**

Except for weeknight trains from Penn Station as noted above, all trains to baseball games accept off-peak tickets. On weekends, fans coming from Penn Station, Woodside, Auburndale, Bayside, Broadway, Douglaston, Flushing-Main Street, Little Neck, or Murray Hill can now save money by using City Ticket, which is just \$3.75 one way. City Ticket cannot be purchased on board a train, and is valid only on the day purchased.

Fans traveling from branches other than the Port Washington Branch who change at Woodside will not need a separate ticket for that leg of the journey. Since Mets-Willets Point is located in Zone 1, tickets to Woodside or Penn Station are valid to Mets-Willets Point as well. However, passengers must retain their ticket stubs and inform ticket collectors of their intention to travel to Mets-Willets Point Stadium. Customers must hold onto their tickets, which may be collected at Mets-Willets Point after they disembark.

The railroad's special Family Fare is a great way for future big leaguers to see their favorite team. Children, ages 5 through 11, can ride for only 75¢ each (in each direction) when tickets are purchased at a ticket office or from a ticket machine, during off-peak hours, when accompanied by an adult paying the regular off-peak fare. Parents with monthly or weekly tickets just pay for the children. Up to four children can travel with each parent (or guardian, 18 or older) at this special rate. The Family Fare is \$1 per child if purchased on-board a train. For travel during peak hours, the child fare is one-half the regular one-way fare. Children under 5 ride for free at all times.

### **A Note about Accessibility for the Disabled**

The Mets-Willets Point Station is not handicapped accessible. The subway Flushing Line Mets-Willets Point station is accessible via the Queens-bound local platform, with an ADA-compliant ramp connecting to the sidewalk on the south side of Roosevelt Avenue. LIRR Customers with mobility impairments who are traveling to see the Mets should travel to Woodside Station. At Woodside Station, which has elevators, 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 train 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 More Information**

Mets-Willets Point timetables are available at this link: <http://bit.ly/Mets-LIRR>. Printed timetables are available at LIRR ticket offices and terminals. Fans can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center by calling 511 from any phone in New York State. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477. Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).