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### Take the LIRR to See Ecuador Vs. Chile Soccer Game at Citi Field, August 15

#### *Extra Trains Running Wednesday to LIRR Mets-Willets Point Station*

Soccer fans heading out to see the big match between the national teams of Ecuador and Chile at Citi Field on Wednesday night, August 15 can leave their cars at home because the MTA Long Island Rail Road is the hassle free way to get to the game and home again.

The LIRR will run its regular schedule of extra eastbound and westbound Port Washington Branch trains that take customers to the Mets-Willets Point Station for all New York Mets weeknight games. So, soccer fans will be able to get to the match well before the scheduled 8 PM start and back home again. Customers are advised to purchase their round-trip tickets before boarding the train.

Direct train service to Citi Field 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, soccer fans can reach Citi Field by changing at Woodside, just a five-minute ride from the stadium.

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 Station 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.

The LIRR offers a special Family Fare, where children, ages 5 through 11, can ride for only 75cents 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 Citi Field should travel to Woodside Station. At Woodside Station, which has elevators, customers should transfer to a Flushing-bound "7" line 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" line 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 additional information, including train schedules, soccer fans can call 511, the New York State Travel Information Line and say "Long Island Rail Road." If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider on the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511. Customers taking the LIRR to the soccer match can also consult the [Mets-Willets Point Station timetable for New York Mets weeknight games](#) on LIRR's web site at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr).