FIFA: WORLD CUP 2026

FIFA World Cup matches at MetLife Stadium: How to navigate the impact on game day in Hudson Square

While Hudson Square is not within an official FIFA traffic zone, the Holland Tunnel corridor, including Varick St, Canal Street, Spring Street, and Broome Street, may experience substantial congestion before and after matches as travelers head to and from New Jersey. The City has designated game days as “gridlock alert”, and we want to make sure you are prepared.

COMMUTING

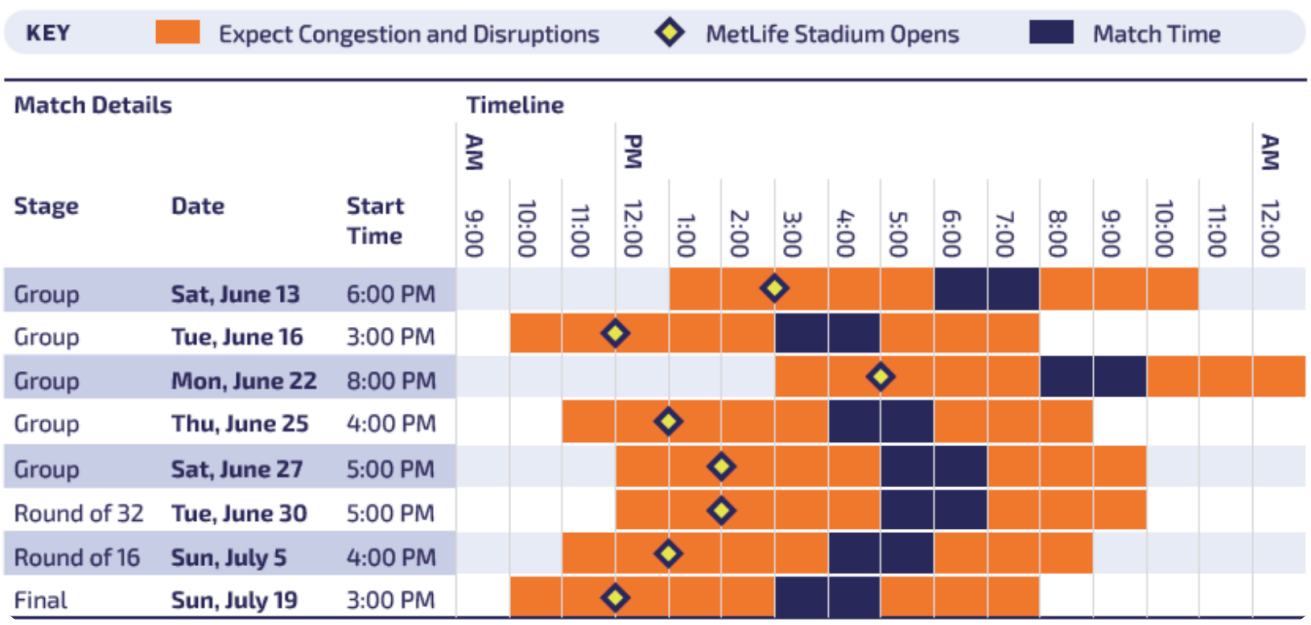
- Employees traveling to or from New Jersey should expect longer travel times
- PATH trains are expecting significantly heavier passenger volumes
- NJ Transit lines may experience crowding and service changes on match days
- Consider flexible arrival/departure times on game days
- Encourage use of subways, ferries, or alternative transportation modes if available
- Avoid Penn Station during peak pre- and post-match periods
- NYC Subway will operate with regular or increased service on game days throughout the tournament

BUILDING OPERATIONS & DELIVERIES

- Consider scheduling deliveries outside anticipated peak match periods
- Allow additional time for service providers, vendors, and contractors
- Coordinate loading dock schedules in advance
- Notify visitors and clients of potential delays
- Expect increased congestion around tunnel approaches throughout the afternoon and evening

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Use public transportation whenever possible
- Allow extra travel time on match days
- Avoid non-essential vehicle trips
- Schedule deliveries and service calls outside peak periods
- Consider flexible work schedules for employees traveling to or from New Jersey
- Monitor real-time traffic and transit conditions before traveling
- Pack your patience



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