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NYC Transit Statement On Access-A-Ride Job Action

Amalgamated Transport Union Local 1181-1061 has called a strike against four Access-A-Ride carriers. Three of the carriers are: Atlantic Paratrans, Inc.; Maggie's Paratransit Corp., and Transit Facility Mgmt Corp. However, the fourth, MV Transportation, was still able to support about 70% of its routes.

These carriers, under contract with MTA New York City Transit provide approximately 50% of Paratransit daily scheduled services. However, this is a private labor dispute between the ATU and the carriers. NYC Transit is not a party to these negotiations.

During this morning's pull-out period, 65% of the scheduled routes were served. Figures for this afternoon were slightly higher with 70% of the routes being served. Access-A-Ride has authorized five times the daily number of taxi authorizations and twice the number of vouchers for car service. The preliminary estimate for tomorrows' service is 14,000 trips, which is approximately 75% of the current daily weekday average.

As part of the contingency plan developed to minimize the effects of this job action, NYC Transit will continue to reassign affected subscription trips, especially medically essential trips (i.e. dialysis treatment, chemo therapy, etc.). NYC Transit will also continue to utilize supplemental service provided by private ambulette carriers.