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MTA Service Update for the Morning Rush Hour

The New York City Metropolitan area is seeing increasing freezing rain and ice accumulations that are expected to continue throughout the morning. We will continue to monitor conditions, particularly as sleet and ice accumulate on roadways, rails, switches, and signals. We are currently seeing good service with minimal impacts but will keep a close watch on the forecasts and field reports throughout the region, and customers should monitor the news media and check with mta.info before traveling this morning.

MTA crews are working to battle adverse conditions that could lead to difficulties in this morning's rush hour. De-icers have been deployed to prevent build-up of sleet and freezing rain on rails. Trains with scraper shoes have also been put in service. Crews are out salting and clearing platforms and staircases of ice, but we urge customers to use extreme caution when traveling. Customers should stay clear of the platform edges, use handrails on staircases and walk carefully when entering or exiting stations and boarding or leaving trains.

New York City Subway

Subway cars were stored underground to protect the equipment. Because of this, some express service may be impacted this morning until all trains are put back in service. Customers should use extreme caution on stairs and platforms.

Buses in New York City and Nassau County

Service is operating on a normal schedule at this time, except for limited-stop buses which are now making local stops. Routes and service levels will be evaluated as the storm advances. If conditions deteriorate, service may be curtailed or suspended this morning.

Long Island Rail Road

The Long Island Rail Road is operating on a weekend timetable this morning, with the addition of train service on the West Hempstead Branch and on the Main Line east of Ronkonkoma. Peak fares will remain in effect. However, LIRR may have to temporarily suspend service in some portions of the railroad if icing affects the ability of electric trains to properly draw power from the electrified third rail. Customers are advised that when at stations, they should listen to announcements and to take extra care when traveling.

Metro-North Railroad

Metro-North is operating on a regular weekday schedule this morning. Customers traveling on the New Haven Line should expect crowded trains and delays due to severe and ongoing weather-related equipment shortages.

West-of-Hudson Customers: For NJ TRANSIT travel information and current service status, please visit <http://www.njtransit.com/>.

Access-A-Ride and Able-Ride

Due to anticipated dangerous ice conditions that will affect both roads and sidewalks, Paratransit service pick-ups scheduled before 10 a.m. today are cancelled.

Bridges and Tunnels

All roadways at MTA Bridges and Tunnels' crossings are open and operating normally at this time. Motorists are asked to allow extra travel time and operate at reduced speeds due to wet roadways.

Customers can check on updated conditions posted in the Current Service Status at www.mta.info for further service information.