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### MTA Morning Rush Hour Service Running Through Storm

#### ***NYC Transit Running a Normal Schedule;***

With snow continuing through the morning rush hour in parts of the region, all MTA services are operating, with service changes in some cases. Subway and bus service is expected to operate normally through the morning rush hour, with Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad operating well on reduced schedules.

MTA personnel have worked through the night to provide service today during this ongoing winter snow storm. Throughout the storm, MTA customers should visit the MTA's website, [mta.info](http://mta.info), for minute-by-minute service status updates and travel advisories. Customers are urged to take extra care when traveling during the storm, allow extra travel time and use caution when walking up and down staircases and while navigating above ground train platforms.

#### **NYC Transit**

NYC Transit plans on operating regular scheduled rush hour subway service at this time. All planned service changes on the NYC subway have been cancelled through mid-day.

#### **Long Island Rail Road**

MTA Long Island Rail Road is operating a significantly reduced weekday AM rush schedule. The limited weekday train service includes the cancelation of 23 westbound AM rush trains and extremely limited train service in the LIRR's diesel territory. Additionally, there will be no diesel train service east of Speonk on the Montauk Branch and east of Ronkonkoma on the Main Line to Greenport.

#### **Metro-North Railroad**

Metro-North is operating on a Sunday schedule which features significantly less service. Due to the severity of the storm, the Waterbury branch will be temporarily suspended.

#### **Bus Service & Access-A-Ride**

Bus service in New York City and on Long Island will operate at normal scheduled levels, but customers can still expect some delays depending on road conditions. Access-A-Ride service has been cancelled, for today, except for trips of medical necessity (e.g., dialysis, radiation treatment or chemotherapy).

The MTA began early preparations across our agencies several days ago, with snow fighting equipment deployed across our rail network to prevent the buildup of ice and snow. Buses, especially those scheduled to run during the late and overnight hours have been outfitted with chains; salt trucks have been filled and equipped with plows to help keep bus stops clear of snow and ice.