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IMMEDIATE

MTA Preparing for Overnight Ice Storm

MTA crews are working through the night to battle adverse conditions that could lead to difficulties in tomorrow morning's rush hour. Each storm impacts different parts of our region differently, and that appears to be especially true for this storm.

As conditions change overnight, particularly as sleet and ice accumulate on roadways, rails, switches, and signals, we may have to reduce or modify some services at times. The MTA is keeping 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 tomorrow morning.

The MTA urges customers to take extra care when traveling tomorrow. Stay clear of the platform edges, use handrails on staircases, and step carefully when entering or exiting stations and boarding or leaving trains or buses.

NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY

New York City Transit is storing trains in underground tunnels overnight, which means some express services may run local during the early part of the morning rush hour. All planned service changes scheduled through Wednesday afternoon have been cancelled.

NYC TRANSIT BUS/MTA BUS/LONG ISLAND BUS

Street conditions may affect operations. If conditions deteriorate, determinations will be made on a route-by-route basis whether buses will remain in service.

METRO-NORTH RAILROAD

Metro-North anticipates operating on a regular weekday schedule. Customers traveling on the New Haven Line should continue to expect crowded trains and delays due to severe and ongoing weather-related equipment shortages. To help make more train cars available for the New Haven Line, buses will replace trains on the Waterbury Branch.

LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD

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.

BRIDGES & TUNNELS

MTA Bridges and Tunnels' nine crossings are open and traffic is moving. Drivers are advised to use caution on wet roadways.

ACCESS-A-RIDE & ABLE-RIDE

Due to anticipated dangerous ice conditions that will affect both roads and sidewalks, Paratransit service pick-ups scheduled before 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2 are cancelled.