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MTA Prepares For Challenging Friday Commute

Metro-North Plans Saturday Schedule at 40% of Capacity; LIRR Will Run 90% of Capacity; New York City Buses to Run at 80% of Capacity; New York City Subway Plans Normal Schedule

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is preparing for challenging Friday morning commute as another wave of storms dumps more wet snow on the New York area overnight. Most MTA services will operate with reduced schedules Friday morning, but the weather forecast is still uncertain. Service remains subject to change at any time, including temporary suspensions on some portions of the MTA network.

Hundreds of employees are working through the night to clear snow from station staircases and outdoor platforms, but the additional snow accumulating overnight may present challenging conditions for customers during the morning commute. All customers are advised to use extreme caution, hold handrails and stay away from the platform edge for safety.

Throughout the MTA network, special trains are clearing tracks with snow throwers and de-icing equipment, heaters have been activated to keep switches from freezing, and employees are on standby in critical locations to respond quickly if problems occur.

Anyone planning to travel Friday should consult www.mta.info before starting their trip.

New York City Transit Subways

MTA New York City Transit expects to run a normal subway service for the Friday morning rush hour, though some express services may run as local trains because of track conditions.

Five sections of outdoor subway line are subject to temporary suspension between midnight and 4 a.m. to allow for intensive snow clearing operations:

- **B** and **Q** trains along the Brighton Line in Brooklyn from Prospect Park to Stillwell Av.
- **N** trains along the Sea Beach Line in Brooklyn from 59 St to Stillwell Av.
- The Franklin Av **S** Shuttle in Brooklyn
- **A** and **S** shuttle trains along the Rockaway Line in Queens from Rockaway Blvd to Beach 116 St and Far Rockaway
- **5** trains along the Dyre Av Line from E 180th St to Dyre Av

New York City Transit Buses

Bus service is expected to run at 80 percent capacity overall, but some suspensions are possible on a route-by-route basis. All bus tires will be equipped with chains for additional traction.

Metro-North Railroad

Metro-North Railroad's service territory is expected to see final snow accumulations of 18 to 25 inches by morning. The railroad plans to operate a Saturday schedule on Friday, which represents about 40% of normal weekday service. Customers should check http://as0.mta.info/mnr/schedules/sched_form.cfm for point-to-point schedules, but be advised that they are subject to change. Off-peak fares will be in effect.

Customers are advised to limit travel if possible and anticipate crowding and delays. Thursday ridership was only one-third of normal, and Metro-North expects a similar decline in ridership Friday.

Long Island Rail Road

The Long Island Rail Road plans to operate 90% of a normal weekday schedule, canceling 14 of 144 morning rush trains as listed below. If weather conditions change overnight, further changes to the schedule are possible. Customers should check <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/MorningRushHour.htm> in the morning before beginning their travels.

LIRR station waiting rooms will remain open around the clock to accommodate customers waiting for trains during cold and inclement weather.

Babylon Branch:

- The 5:59 AM train from Massapequa Park due NY at 6:55 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:14 AM train from Massapequa Park due NY at 7:08 AM.
- The 6:57 AM train from Freeport due NY at 7:40 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:32 AM train from Babylon due NY at 7:37 AM with added stops at Freeport, Baldwin, and Rockville Centre.
- The 7:29 AM train from Freeport due NY at 8:13 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:11 AM train from Massapequa Park due NY 8:08 AM with added stops at Freeport, Baldwin, and Rockville Centre.
- The 7:48 AM train from Wantagh due NY at 8:40 AM, is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:51 AM train from Wantagh due Atlantic Terminal at 8:43 AM. Customers will transfer at Jamaica for service to NY.
- The 8:10 AM train from Freeport due NY at 8:50 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:45 AM train from Babylon due NY 8:56 AM with added stops at Freeport, Baldwin, and Rockville Centre.
- The 8:25 AM train from Freeport due NY at 9:08 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:03 AM train from Babylon due NY at 9:11 AM with added stops at Freeport, Baldwin, and Rockville Centre.

Far Rockaway Branch:

- The 8:03 AM train from Valley Stream due NY at 8:42 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:31 AM train from Valley Stream due NY at 9:05 AM.
- The 8:10 AM train from Far Rockaway due NY at 9:05 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:21 AM train from Far Rockaway due NY at 9:17 AM with added stops at Rosedale, Laurelton, and Locust Manor.

Hempstead Branch:

- The 7:36 AM train from Hempstead due Atlantic Terminal at 8:28 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:03 AM train from Hempstead due NY at 8:51 AM with added stops at Queens Village, Hollis, and Jamaica. Customers for Atlantic Terminal change at Jamaica.

Long Beach Branch:

- The 8:03 AM train from Long Beach due NY at 8:54 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 8:08 AM train from Long Beach due NY at 9:02 AM.

Oyster Bay Branch:

- The 7:26 AM train from East Williston due NY at 8:14 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 7:48 AM train from East Williston due Long Island City at 8:34 AM.

Port Jefferson/Huntington Branch:

- The 6:25 AM train from Hicksville due NY at 7:11 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:15 AM train from Huntington due NY at 7:17 AM with added stops at Carle Place, Merillon Avenue, and New Hyde Park. The 5:44 AM train from Port Jefferson due NY 7:20 AM will add a stop at Hicksville.

Port Washington Branch:

- The 6:17 AM train from Port Washington due NY at 7:03 AM is cancelled. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:27 AM train from Port Washington due NY at 7:14 AM.

Ronkonkoma Branch:

- The 6:54 AM train from Ronkonkoma due NY at 8:06 AM is cancelled. Customer will be accommodated by the 6:56 AM from Ronkonkoma due Atlantic Terminal at 8:17 AM. Customers for NY change at Jamaica.