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### OMNY Surpasses 5 Million Taps Ahead of Expansion to 60 More Stations by End of January

#### ***Successful Installation on Pace for Entire Subway and Bus System by End of This Year; MTA Launches New Marketing Campaign Including In-Car Ads and Byford Station Announcements***

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) announced today that its new OMNY contactless fare payment system will be installed at 60 more subway stations during the month of January, including major station complexes such as Herald Square and 47-50 Sts-Rockefeller Center in Manhattan and Jay St-MetroTech in Brooklyn. The MTA also celebrated the OMNY system's system's 5 millionth tap, which took place last Friday, mere months after OMNY launched at a handful of stations.

To mark the expansion of OMNY, the MTA also announced today a new public information campaign including station announcements by NYC Transit President Andy Byford and MTA advertisements coming to more than 1,100 subway cars. The ads, [some of which can be seen here](#), feature slogans such as "Save the swiping for your dating app" and graphics showing the evolution of fare payment in New York City. [Click here for the audio](#) of Byford greeting customers at OMNY-enabled stations.

Adoption rates continue to exceed the MTA's most ambitious internal estimates and work to bring OMNY to the entire subway and bus system by the end of the year remains on pace.

"The rate at which New Yorkers and visitors are using OMNY has surpassed our most ambitious estimates, and that's a testament to the system's popularity" said MTA NYC Transit President Andy Byford. "Five million taps this quickly is outstanding, and that pace will grow even faster as we add more stations. By the end of this year, this quick, easy and seamless way to pay will be available at every subway station and every MTA bus to help everyone move faster."

By the end of January, riders will be able to use OMNY at nearly 150 subway stations, providing many more transfer points and opportunities to use OMNY for round-trips. The current phase of OMNY's expansion – 60 new stations in January – includes installation of OMNY readers at numerous major transit hubs including:

- Herald Square
- 47-50 Sts-Rockefeller Center
- Bryant Park
- West 4 St-Washington Square
- World Trade Center
- Jay St-MetroTech

The 60 stations going live in January include those on the following line segments:

- The **B** **D** **D** lines from 145 St to West 4 St-Washington Sq.
- The **F** **M** lines between 47-50 Sts-Rockefeller Center and West 4 St-Washington Sq.
- AC stations from Inwood-207 St on the **A** line and 168 St on the **C** line, down 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Manhattan to Jay St-MetroTech in Brooklyn.
- The **E** line from 50 St to the end of the line at World Trade Center.

The station complexes at Rockefeller Center, Bryant Park and Herald Square are scheduled to go live next week. [Click here for a pair of maps](#) that detail where OMNY is already available and where it's coming in January.

OMNY was built on global payment standards, and has been used successfully by customers with bank cards issued in more than 116 countries on six continents. The public pilot phase of the rollout brought OMNY contactless payments to all Staten Island MTA buses and all subway station entrances on the **4** **5** **6** lines between Grand Central-42 St and Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr. OMNY currently offers a full-fare, pay-per-ride option, and additional fare products will be introduced after all subway stations and bus routes are equipped with the new technology. Customers can view their trips and charges by registering for an OMNY account at <https://omny.info/>. The OMNY website will be updated regularly to give customers a one-month look-ahead at which lines and stations will be OMNY-enabled, along with a current list of all current OMNY-enabled locations.

"With this next rollout, a critical mass of the riding public will be able to use OMNY — with many being able to tap in on both ends of their trip," said Al Putre, the MTA's OMNY program executive. "I can't wait for all New Yorkers to be able to tap and go by the end of the year."

#### **ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT MTA FARE PAYMENTS AND OMNY:**

- The MetroCard was first tested in the system in 1993, debuting to the larger public in January 1994. All turnstiles were MetroCard-enabled by May 1997 and all buses began accepting it by the end of 1995. Tokens were sold until April 2003 and acceptance was discontinued that May in subway stations and that December on buses.
- OMNY readers accept contactless cards from companies such as Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover, as well as digital wallets such as Apple Pay, Google Pay, Samsung Pay, and Fitbit Pay.
- Following the completion of OMNY installation at all subway turnstiles and on buses, the MTA will introduce all remaining fare options, including unlimited ride passes, reduced fares, student fares, and more.
- In 2021, the MTA will introduce the OMNY Card in the OMNY app and at retail locations throughout the New York region.
- Beginning in 2021, the MTA will install new vending machines at locations throughout the system.
- In 2021 and 2022, OMNY will begin to support existing MetroCard affiliates, including PATH and AirTrain.
- Only after the OMNY project is fully complete in 2023 will the MTA say goodbye to the MetroCard.

Paying with cash will always be an option.