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Due To Forecasted Significant Snow Accumulations Statewide, NJ TRANSIT Will Temporarily Suspend all Bus, Light Rail and Access Link Services at 6 p.m. Sunday, February 22nd; Rail Service Adjustments Expected Later in the Evening

Newark – Based on the latest weather forecast from the National Weather Service and out of an abundance of caution for the safety of customers and employees, NJ TRANSIT bus, light rail and Access Link services will be temporarily suspended at 6 p.m. Sunday. Rail service adjustments are expected later in the evening and will be shared with ample advance notice.

NJ TRANSIT will be assessing the impacts of the storm throughout the overnight on Sunday into Monday to determine when it is safe to resume service.

Customers should continue to monitor service alerts, [njtransit.com](https://www.njtransit.com), the NJ TRANSIT mobile app or their individual line account on X (form Twitter) for the latest service updates. We will provide updates on Monday service as we assess the impacts of the storm throughout the state.

Bus, light rail and Access Link services will remain suspended from 6 p.m. through the end of the service day Sunday and will remain suspended until conditions safely allow for the gradual resumption of service.

Aligned with Governor Sherrill's message to New Jerseyans regarding this storm – customers should avoid unnecessary travel as roads need to remain clear for local, county and state forces to remove snow so service can resume as quickly as it is safe to do so.

During a service suspension, customers may see light rail vehicles operating. However, those cars are operating without passengers to keep overhead wires and tracks free of snow and ice. Motorists should always abide by railroad crossing gates and pedestrians should only cross at designated pedestrian crossings even during a service suspension as equipment may continue to move throughout the railroad and light rail systems.

NJ TRANSIT's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is open and is closely monitoring weather forecasts and conditions as the storm develops and moves through the state. Key personnel will be pre-positioned in the field and at NJ TRANSIT facilities to monitor and quickly respond to any impacts to the system throughout the duration of the storm.

For further details and updated travel information, sign up for [My Transit Alerts](#), download the [NJ TRANSIT app](#) and follow us on [Social Media](#).

NJ TRANSIT will continue with the following work to ensure the system is prepared for the resumption of service as soon as conditions safely allow:

Rail Operations

- Rail cars and locomotives have been "winterized," a process that includes checking onboard heating systems, ventilation, thermostats, weather stripping and electronic components, as well as changing locomotive filters and fuel from a summer blend to a winter blend.
- NJ TRANSIT's preventative maintenance program also includes the inspection and winter maintenance of more than 750 switches and switch heaters, overhead wire systems, 12 moveable bridges and wayside power at storage yards and terminals.
- Two jet-engine-powered snow blowers are available to remove ice and snow from tracks and critical switching areas. In addition, all locomotives are equipped with snowplows to clear snow from the rails.
- NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations has a fully stocked supply of salt on hand with the ability to obtain additional supplies, if needed.
- In addition, our year-round tree trimming program proactively minimizes downed trees or limbs along the right-of-way and on our overhead electrical system, personnel are on standby to quickly respond to reports of trees or limbs that could damage overhead wires or prevent safe passage of trains. Our year-round tree trimming program is part of our preventative maintenance program

Bus Operations

- Bus maintenance personnel have checked the heating systems, engine fluids, tires, windshield wipers, doors and airbrake systems on NJ TRANSIT's fleet of more than 2,000 buses.
- Bus snow-fighting equipment has been readied, and ice/snow-inhibiting supplies have been restocked for winter to keep 52 bus loops, terminals and lots cleared throughout the state.



- NJ TRANSIT Bus Operations has a fully stocked supply of bulk salt on standby statewide, with each of its garages stocked with bags of salt.

Light Rail Operations

- Snowplows are ready to clear station platforms and park/ride lots.
- Switch heaters have been tested throughout NJ TRANSIT's three light rail systems.
- Necessary supplies such as calcium chloride, snow shovels, and scrapers are available and strategically located on the system.
- Snow blowers and backup generators have been checked to ensure they are in working order.
- Subcontractors are under contract to assist work crews in clearing all light rail stations, walkways, and park/ride facilities.
- Management staff for all three lines will be coordinating with local municipalities to discuss snow removal in the light rail's downtown 'street running' territory

Stations and Terminals

- Salting will occur prior to the storm ahead of the winter weather at stations throughout the system.
- All rail stations equipped with heaters have been inspected to ensure that they are in proper working order.
- Staff will monitor platform conditions to ensure safe walking conditions

Information For Customers:

- Customers are encouraged to download or update the NJ TRANSIT mobile app to set up and receive customized service alert information via push notifications. Visit the [You Tube video](#) for easy instructions on setting up custom push notifications.
- Stay connected to NJ TRANSIT social media during your commute. Find and follow your rail, bus or light rail-specific X (formerly Twitter) accounts for the best information:
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- Sign up for the My Transit alert system on njtransit.com, which delivers travel advisories for your specific trip to your cell phone via email or text.
- Allow extra time getting to and from your destination. Use extreme caution when walking on exposed sidewalks or station platforms and when boarding trains and buses.
- Listen closely to public address announcements at stations for late-breaking service information



About NJ TRANSIT

NJ TRANSIT is the nation's largest statewide public transportation system providing more than 925,000 weekday trips on 264 bus routes, three light rail lines, 12 commuter rail lines and through Access Link paratransit service. It is the third largest transit system in the country with 165 rail stations, 62 light rail stations and more than 19,000 bus stops linking major points in New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia.

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