

<u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u> (December 22, 2022) - Pittsburgh Regional Transit is closely monitoring the winter weather event expected to converge on our area tonight into tomorrow.

PRT crews will be out in advance of the storm to pretreat the busways and rail station platforms with salt.

Weather forecasters are predicting rain followed by fast-dropping temperatures. Because water on overhead power lines can turn to ice in minutes, rail cars, which draw their power from the overhead lines, will be equipped with sleet cutters to shave off any ice that forms on the lines.

Additionally, freezing temperatures can damage the rail, which could cause significant delays.

Buses can operate in most weather events depending on the condition of the roads. Buses will stay on main roads if smaller streets are impassable or too steep and slippery to safely navigate.

Depending on the severity of the storm, riders should expect delays and prepare for additional travel time.

Service updates will be posted on Twitter at @pghtransitalert.

Riders are also encouraged to contact PRT Customer Service by calling 412-442-2000 on Twitter @pghtransitcare or live chat on our website <a href="https://www.rideprt.org">www.rideprt.org</a>.

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