

# Annual Winter Weather Briefing







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## Severe Weather Plan



#### Winter Storms Season

- Snow
- Ice

### Tropical Storms Season

- Hurricanes
- Winds
- Flooding
- Severe Thunderstorms

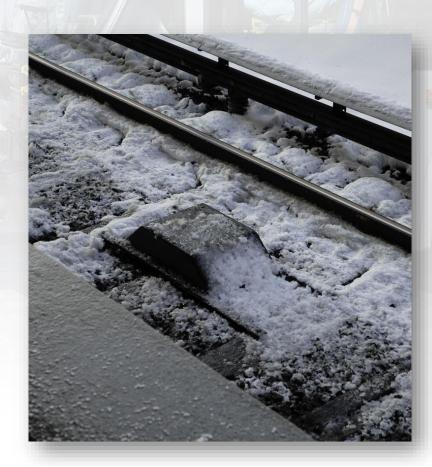
#### Heat Season

- Rail Kinks
- Air Quality
- Severe Storms
  - Power Outages
  - Flooding



## Severe Weather Teams

- Severe Weather Commanders
  - Joseph Leader
    - Metrorail: Michael Hass
    - —Metrobus: Bob Potts
- Director of Emergency Management
  - Denton Rourke
    - —OEM Liaisons
- Emergency Operations Center Teams
  - Representatives from different departments
    - —Red Team is a standing day shift
    - —Blue Team is a standing night shift





## Severe Weather Notifications



- Office of Emergency Management, Weather Team
  - Tracks weather 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
  - Notifies Weather Teams concerning decisions related to the weather conditions and the activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
  - Represents WMATA on the MATOC Severe Weather Coordination Working Group









## Severe Weather Phases

- Alert
  - Monitor forecasts, issue advisories
- Readiness
  - Mobilization of resources to include deployment to predesignated locations
- Operations
  - Activities required to respond to weather conditions
- Recovery
  - Provide and restore regular service to Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess







# Winter Weather Readiness/Operations



#### Levels

- Level 1 (0-2")
- Level 2 (2-4")
- Level 3 (4-8")
- Level 4 (8+")









## Level 1

- Weather Conditions
  - 0" to 2" of snow or light collection of snow on surfaces





Normal service schedule.

#### **Metrobus Service**

Normal schedule operating as roads and traffic permits.

#### **MetroAccess Service**

Normal schedule operating as roads and traffic permits.







## Level 2

- Weather Conditions
  - 2" to 4" of snow



#### **Metrorail Service**

Adjusted service schedule with longer headways.

#### **Metrobus Service**

Service suspended on many routes. Operating routes on snow detours.

#### **MetroAccess Service**

Normal schedule operating as roads and traffic permit.
Outbound trips may be curtailed.





## Level 3

- Weather Conditions
  - 4" to 8" of snow



#### **Metrorail Service**

Limited service schedule with longer headways.

#### **Metrobus Service**

Service suspended on all but the busiest routes.

Operating routes on snow detours.

#### **MetroAccess Service**

Non-essential trips are canceled.





## Level 4

- Weather Conditions
  - 8+" of snow

#### **Metrorail Service**

No service or limited underground service.

#### **Metrobus Service**

Provide at least one hour notice before service suspension.

#### **MetroAccess Service**

Suspension of service.





# Recovery

3 phases

 As tracks and roads are cleared,
 WMATA will re-establish service based on improved surface conditions

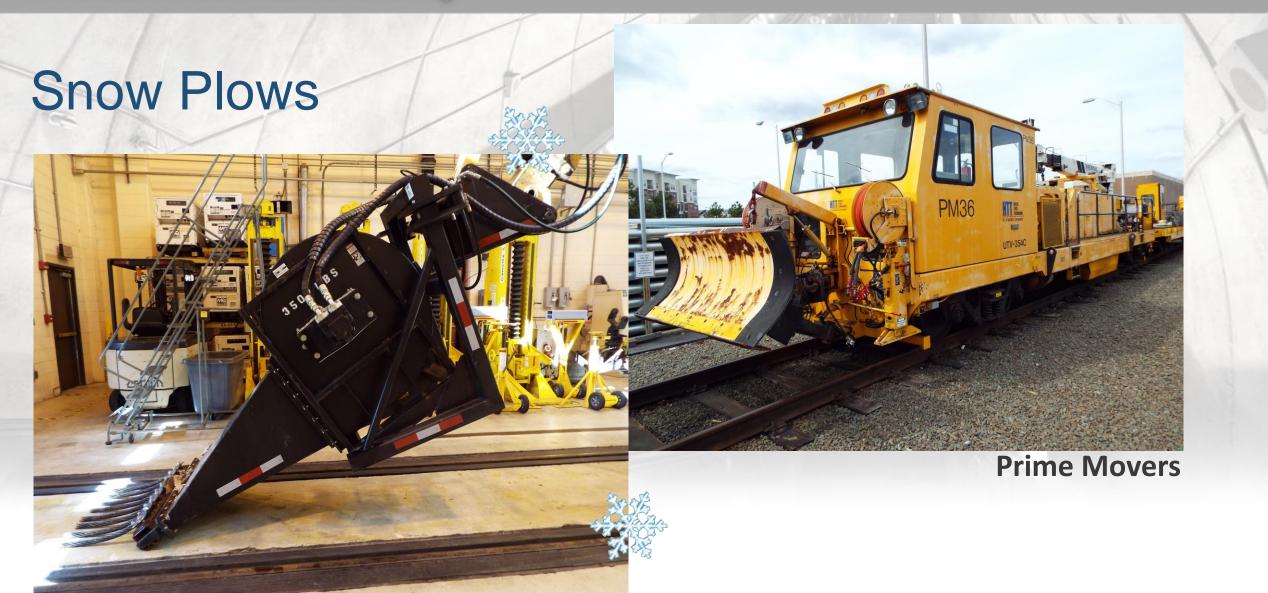
- Short-Term: <12 hours

— Intermediate: 12-72 hours

—Long-Term: > 72 hours











# **Snow Blowers**



**Excavator** 



Blower



# **De-Icers**



**Deicer with Prime Mover** 



**Deicers** 





