

Inclement Weather/Road Condition Trip Cancellation Policy

The Loop – Morrow County Public Transportation

Program Coordinator and/or Dispatch will begin monitoring the weather conditions for trip cancellations when the National Weather Service Forecast Office or ODOT post Hazardous Weather Outlook or Road Conditions. This will affect trip origin, travel route and/or destination using the following guidelines.

- **Hazardous Weather Outlook** (potential of significant weather expected during the next 1 to 5 days) – monitor for conditions to change – Program Coordinator and Dispatch will monitor conditions, trips will most likely continue on schedule unless conditions are anticipated to deteriorate before trip return.
- **High Wind Watch/Warning** (winds greater or equal to 25 mph) – Program Coordinator or Dispatch will identify if winds will pose driving hazard due to potential downed trees, power lines, drifting or blowing snow or vehicle profile. Program Coordinator or Dispatch will cancel trips depending on prediction of conditions.
- **Flood Advisory/Watch/Warning** (any high flow, overflow, or inundation by water which has the potential to cover the roadway or cause roadway damage) – Program Coordinator or Dispatch will cancel or re-route trips depending on prediction of potential roadway flooding or debris flow. Flash Flood Advisory/Watch/Warnings will also fall under this category.
- **Winter Storm Watch** (potential for heavy snow or significant ice accumulations, usually at least 24 to 36 hours in advance) – Program Coordinator or Dispatch will monitor conditions and prepare to cancel trips, depending on predictions, to give drivers and passengers advance notice. Some trips may be cancelled at this time.
- **Winter Weather Advisory** (a combination of winter weather, snow, freezing rain, sleet, etc that present a hazard) – Program Coordinator or Dispatch will most likely cancel all trips unless they are traveling below the predicted elevations or local trips not in affected area where Program Coordinator or Dispatch is aware there are no hazardous driving conditions.

- **Winter Storm Warning** (when a winter storm is producing or is forecast to produce heavy snow or significant ice accumulations) – Program Coordinator or Dispatch will cancel all trips potentially affected by this situation.
- **Ice Storm & Ice Storm Warning** (accumulation of or slick roads are expected during freezing rain or other freezing roadway situations) – Program Coordinator or Dispatch will cancel all trips potential affected by this situation.
- **Severed Thunderstorm Watch/Warning** (when conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms that can produce sizeable hail, torrential rains or windy conditions) – Program Coordinator or Dispatch will monitor and potentially cancel trips depending on predictions.
- **Miscellaneous Road Conditions** (other potential hazards or conditions that may potentially affect travel i.e. wildfires, traffic delays requiring waiting time of one hours or more in very hot or cold weather etc.) – Program Coordinator, Dispatch and Drivers may cancel trips if they deem conditions not favorable to passenger safety. This may include aborting trip after trip has started.

The above conditions are not all inclusive and other factors may be involved to cause Program Coordinator, Dispatch or Drivers to cancel trips at the last minute. Morrow County Public Transportation's goal is to provide safe travel conditions for our passengers and safe driving conditions for our volunteer drivers.

Drivers scheduled to provide the trips are fully authorized by the Program Coordinator to cancel or abort trip if they feel weather or road conditions are such that passenger safety could be compromised or if the program coordinator or Dispatch is unavailable to make the decision in a timely manner.