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OEM ISSUES HAZARDOUS TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR WEDNESDAY

*Wednesday AM and PM Rush Most Impacted;
Very Difficult Driving Conditions will Persist through Morning and Evening Commutes*

Alternate Side Parking Regulations are Suspended

February 4, 2014 — The New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) today issued a Hazardous Travel Advisory for Wednesday, February 5. The National Weather Service has forecast 4 to 6 inches of snow and accumulation through Wednesday afternoon, with potential higher accumulations in Northern Manhattan and the Bronx. Moderate to heavy snow is expected late Tuesday evening into Wednesday morning before changing to a wintry mix of sleet and freezing rain during the day. Up to ¼ inch of ice may accumulate before the sleet and freezing rain converts to all rain late Wednesday afternoon. Temperatures will be in the 30s. The Department of Sanitation has issued a Snow Alert for tonight at 10PM. The plow tracker will be available late this evening at nyc.gov/severeweather. OEM encourages New Yorkers to take the following precautions:

For Motorists

- If you must drive a vehicle, monitor weather and traffic reports for the latest road conditions. Use mass transportation whenever possible.
- Use major streets or highways for travel whenever possible as these roadways will be cleared first.
- Drive slowly. Vehicles, including those with 4-wheel drive, take longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Keep the name and phone number of at least one local towing service in your car in case you break down or become stuck in the snow.
- If you get stuck on the road stay with your car and contact a towing company.

For Pedestrians

- Exercise caution and avoid slippery surfaces; some ice may not be visible.
- Wear layers including a hat, gloves and scarf to stay protected from the cold. And, keep clothes and shoes dry.
- Keep fingertips, earlobes, and noses covered if you go outside.
- Have heightened awareness of cars, particularly when approaching or crossing intersections.

Tips for Staying Warm

Exposure to cold can cause life-threatening health conditions. Avoid serious conditions such as frostbite and hypothermia, by keeping warm.

- Wear a hat, hood, and scarf.
- Wear layers, as they provide better insulation and warmth.
- Keep fingertips, earlobes, and noses covered if you go outside.
- Keep clothing dry; if a layer becomes wet, remove it.