Successful winter bus commuting

Would you like to avoid the hassles and headaches of driving during winter weather? If so, Metro Transit may be just the option for you. It's easy to find a route using Metro Transit's <u>online route planner</u>. However, it is important to remember that during periods of heavy snow and ice, buses like other traffic, will fall behind as they get slowed down by road conditions and overall speed of traffic. Passengers should plan extra time into their commute to ensure they arrive at their destination on time.

To make it easier to catch your bus a number of smart phone apps are available to help you determine when your bus will arrive at your bus stop. Find out more <u>online</u>. In addition you can <u>subscribe</u> to Metro's winter email and text alert notification list or call Metro's customer service center at 266-4466 for more information on delays or weather that might cancel service.

When there is snow and ice it is important to be careful when getting on and off the bus. In areas covered with snow and ice or blocked by a snow bank, wait back on the sidewalk, at a cleared driveway or corner. When the bus approaches it may be necessary to wave to the driver to signal him to stop if you are not right at the normal bus stop location. If your stop is in the middle of a steep hill, please walk to the closest bus stop at the bottom or top of the hill. When you reach your destination the driver will stop at the bus stop or the nearest safe location.

Just because it has turned cold or the weather is nasty does not mean you have to stay home as Metro Transit can help you get where you need to go. Just be prepared and dress warm. After all, it's just another winter in Wisconsin.