Travel Impacts From Wintry Mix Friday



## **OVERVIEW:**

- Rain changes to freezing rain then to sleet and ending as a little snow
- Flash freeze likely as temperatures quickly drop below freezing.
- AM Commute impacts from freezing rain mainly north of the Mass Pike
- PM Commute impacts from freezing rain and sleet, especially across CT, RI and eastern MA

TIMING	<ul> <li>Flash freeze with rain changing to freezing rain by 7 am north of the Pike, 7-10 am Boston to Hartford, 10 am to 2 pm Providence, Taunton and Plymouth to south coast.</li> <li>Freezing rain in any location will last 3 to 5 hours before changing to sleet</li> </ul>	
HAZARDS & IMPACTS	<ul> <li>Rain will make it difficult for road crews to do any pre-treating</li> <li>Very hazardous travel, for both AM and PM commutes</li> <li>Freezing rain is not expected to cause significant icing on trees/wires</li> <li>I to 2 inches of sleet possible across northern MA</li> </ul>	
NWS ALERTS	<ul> <li>Winter Storm Warning from northern Berkshire County into north central MA where greater accumulations of sleet and ice is expected</li> <li>Winter Weather Advisory elsewhere</li> </ul>	
FORECAST CHALLENGES	<ul> <li>Uncertainty in exact timing of change to freezing rain and sleet</li> <li>Quicker change to sleet means less ice. Slower change to sleet means more ice.</li> </ul>	
		Expected Ice Accumulation- Official NWS Forecast Valid: 02/03/2022 07:00 PM - 02/04/2022 07:00 PM EST
POST-EVENT OUTLOOK	<ul> <li>Dry and colder Saturday. Highs in the 20s. NVV winds 15-25 mph.</li> <li>O.25</li> <li>O.10-0.25</li> <li>O.10-0.25</li></ul>	
NEXT	<ul> <li>Last briefing unless there are</li> </ul>	0.1 0.1 0.1 0.10-0.25" Willimantic Coventry KNew Bedford & Hyannis Chatham 0.10-0.25" 0.10-0.25" Oventry K0.01-0.10" Hyannis Chatham 0.10-0.25" New Londor Charles town 0.10-0.25" New Haven 0.10-0.25" New Londor Charles town 0.10-0.25" New Haven 0.10-0.25" New Londor Charles town 0.10-0.25" New Haven 0.10-0.25" New Londor Charles town 0.10-0.25" New Haven 0.01-0.10" Block Island 0.01-0.10" Block Island 0.01-0.10" Charles town 0.01-0.10" Charles town 0