

COLTS Buses Keep on Rolling Through the Snow

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SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY -

A 3 to 5 inch snowfall wasn't enough to sideline COLTS buses on Wednesday. COLTS Drivers made their way through downtown Scranton from other points in Lackawanna County. Allan Beggan took passengers from Scranton's Minooka section to center city before driving off to Jessup. Barely into his shift, he encountered all sorts of driving conditions. "Some areas are very clean, some areas weren't even touched yet," said Mr. Beggan.

Rose Malinoski has been driving for COLTS for less than a year. "This is my first winter," she said and noted she hadn't found the going too tough first thing into her route. "I think the roads are really clear... surprisingly well kept up." She and other drivers can thank both state and local road crews for that. It's not uncommon when it snows that COLTS buses sometimes operate on snow routes. But virtually every bus remained on its regular schedule.

That included the bus that Christian Hernandez took into town. The Scranton High School 9th grader didn't realize classes had been canceled. He appreciates bus drivers' efforts even though his trip ended up being a needless ride. "I can't believe they're still doing their job during, like, all the snow." "I think they expect it," said Ms. Malinoski. "If the roads are passable they know we're going to be there."

33 COLTS buses were on the road Wednesday. Only one - the Valley View, Hilltop Manor run in Scranton's south side - was operating on a snow route.

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