

Tap and Ride Key Milestones

- **May 31, 2019:**
OMNY is launched to the public via a limited pilot program on Staten Island buses and 16 subway stations.
- **August 2019:**
The system reaches one million Tap and Ride uses within the first 10 weeks and two million uses within 16 weeks.
- **November 2019:**
The MTA announces the first major expansion of the system to include 48 additional stations, with a goal of reaching all boroughs by the end of 2019 and Manhattan bus routes by January 2020.
- **2020:**
The system continues to expand with OMNY readers reaching all subway stations.
- **October 1, 2021:**
The MTA began offering physical OMNY contactless cards.
- **February 28, 2022:**
The Tap and Ride fare capping feature was introduced.
- **June 2022:**
Reduced-fare customers could use OMNY by registering their debit or credit cards. Reduced Fare OMNY cards for these customers were first rolled out in *December 2024*.
- **July 2023:**
One billionth tap.
- **October 23, 2023:**
MTA announces first OMNY Card Vending Machines available for customers.
- **September 2024:**
All NYC Public School students receive Student OMNY Cards for the first time instead of MetroCards for the 2024-2025 academic year.
- **December 2024**
Two billionth tap.
- **September 2025:**
Completion of the installation of 980 OMNY Card Vending Machines across all 472 subway stations.
- **October 2025:**
Three billionth tap.
- **December 31, 2025:**
MetroCard sales scheduled to end, making way for a complete transition to OMNY Tap and Ride.

OMNY has processed taps from all 195 countries that issue bank cards

(Interestingly, the MTA's decision to implement a contactless fare payment technology finally pushed the U.S. bank card industry to embrace contactless as a standard [NYC Subway's New Way to Pay Prompts Banks to Update Cards - Bloomberg](#))

87% of all subway and bus trips are paid using the Tap and Ride technology