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OMNY

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What is OMNY?

Contactless fare payment system for all MTA public transit.

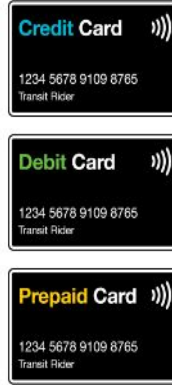
Eventually will replace all MetroCards.



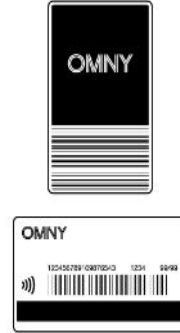
What devices can be used?



Tap your phone or smart device



Tap your contactless card



Tap an OMNY card



How does it work?

Near-field communication (NFC) technology

Tap your device on the screen until it says **GO**

Free transfers*

Maximum \$33 a week

OMNY Account (view trips, track progress, manage devices)



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PROS

- Can't lose card
- Automatically counts towards free rides instead of having to predict your rides for the week.
 - If you can't afford an unlimited pass then this is better because it banks towards your free rides without upfront costs
- No metro cards to pollute

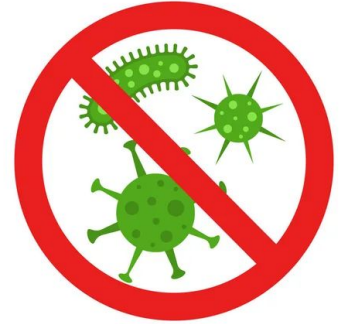


PROS

- Not late for a train because you ran out of \$\$ on your card
- No germs!
- Everything is being tracked anyway, so why not?
 - Unlike Europe and other places we are not required to swipe out
 - Phone is trackable anyway
- Special OMNY cards will be sold at a cost of \$5 per card but you can add at leisure



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CONS

- Double charges
- Exclusion of people from the transit system
- Data
 - Significant amount collected
 - Ambiguity of retention
 - Sharing/selling



One secure account to manage your travel

Enjoy convenient features when you register for an OMNY account.

Get started



View your trips and charges

Securely access your trip history and transaction activity in your personalized dashboard.



Manage your travel cards

Manage your bank cards and OMNY cards — all in one place.



Track progress toward your weekly fare cap

See how close you are to free rides.



Contact customer service

Submit your questions to customer service quickly and easily.