



Mid-Morning Strike Update

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This morning, hundreds of thousands of New Yorker commuted to work by walking, biking, carpooling and even in-line skating. I took a walk up to 96th street and 2nd Ave to see the border in Manhattan that requires four people to be in a vehicle to enter. On the north side of the border, manned by police, cars and trucks were in an enormous traffic jam. South of the border was a placid almost Sunday morning like feel to the streets. When I got down to the 59th street bridge though traffic can come to standstill and bikers were weaving between the cars. Many people waited at bus stops for livery cars or cabs that seemed few and far inbetween.

I decided to walk to work in the cold weather because I was worried about not having a light on my return trip tonight in the dark (today is one of the shortest days of the year). Most people in my office took the strike in stride and made their way to work with a smile. Others are working from home or taking the day off to do local shopping for Christmas.

Some of the best coverage of the Transit Strike can be found at the four daily papers in New York: The [NY Times](#) has some pretty cool slide shows. The [NY Post](#), [NY Daily News](#) and [Newsday](#) also have some good local writers that have a lot to say about the strike.

I also recommend [Gothamist](#) which has a [contest](#) on the "Most inconvenient Commute".



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