

MTA to Reroute 17 Bus Lines, July 29, for Democratic Convention

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(July 26) The MTA plans to reroute 17 Metro Bus lines serving downtown Los Angeles near the Staples Center, beginning July 29, to accommodate street closures and detours around the Democratic National Convention (DNC) site.

Bus lines, originating as far south as San Pedro, as far north as Highland Park, as far west as Malibu and as far east as El Monte, are being re-routed. The City of Los Angeles will convert two-way streets into one-way arteries in order to improve traffic flow. Other downtown streets will be closed completely due to security concerns and possible demonstrations.

One square mile

The MTA service area affected by these detours is approximately one square mile. This area could increase as a result of unforeseen circumstances.

Metro Bus lines 33 and 333 will be rerouted beginning July 29. On Aug. 5, lines 30, 31, 56, 70, 81, and express lines 434, 436, 439, 442, 444, 445, 446 and 447 will be rerouted.

On August 11, service changes will affect lines 362 and 460. Other lines that could potentially be rerouted include lines 27, 28, 83, 84, 85 and 328.

May affect rail

The Metro Red Line subway and light rail Metro Blue Line also may be affected.

Service change notices with maps directing Metro bus passengers to alternate bus stops and streets will be distributed on buses beginning this week. Metro Bus patrons should plan their trips early and allow extra travel time. On average, one-way trips downtown could take between 10 to 15 minutes longer than normal.

Bus service will return to normal following the DNC, which runs from August 14 through August 17, when the City of Los Angeles reopens the streets.

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