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**MTA TO REROUTE BUSES ON 71 LINES FOR L.A. MARATHON;
FREE MTA TRAIN SERVICE AND 50-CENT BUS FARES AVAILABLE ON
RACE DAY**

The MTA will temporarily reroute 71 bus lines in Los Angeles and Hollywood during the 11th annual Los Angeles Marathon, Sunday, March 3, 1996.

The service changes will occur between 4:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in downtown Los Angeles, Exposition Park, Mid-Wilshire and the Hollywood area.

L.A. Marathon enthusiasts can travel for free on the Metro Blue Line, Green Line and Red Line to the start and finish lines of the Marathon, courtesy of the MTA and American Honda. Discounted 50-cent bus fares also will be available on all MTA bus routes.

The MTA's Metro Red Line and Blue Line underground station at the corner of 7th Street and Figueroa is the easiest way to arrive at the Marathon starting line while the surrounding streets are closed. The MTA's Metro Red Line at Pershing Square, also underground, is adjacent to the finish line at 5th Street and Flower Street.

The race starts at 7th and Figueroa streets in downtown Los Angeles and finishes on 5th and Flower streets, in front of the Los Angeles Central Public Library.

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MTA bus patrons are advised to plan their trips early and obtain a brochure with specific information on detours aboard Metro Buses, or call 1 (800) COMMUTE. Schedule and route information also is available by calling (213) 626-4455 or (310) 320-9442 between 6 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

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