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**MTA WILL RE-ROUTE BUS SERVICE IN WATTS, CYPRESS AND
DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES TO FACILITATE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
TO CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVITIES**

MTA will re-route several Metro Bus lines to facilitate transportation to the annual 5 de Mayo festivities celebrated in Cypress, Watts and Downtown Los Angeles/Olvera Street.

CYPRESS AREA:

The Cypress area will hold celebration in two of its parks: Glassell Park and Cypress Park.

Glassell Park, along Cypress Avenue between Pepper Street and Alice Street, will see **Metro Bus line 28 (routes 84 and 85)** re-routed to accommodate the community's second annual 5 de Mayo parade, on Saturday, May 3, 1997, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Cypress Park:

Cypress Park will celebrate its fourth annual 5 de Mayo festivities with a program including music and dancing and a parade scheduled Saturday, May 3, 1997, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The MTA will operate one of its new CNG (alternative fuel) buses, displaying the new Metro paint color scheme, and an MTA tow truck in the parade.

WATTS

Lines 53, 55, 56, 117 & 251 – Will be re-routed Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Watts 5 de Mayo parade on 103 Street

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between Central, Wilmington Avenues, and Wilmington Avenue between 103 Street and Santa Ana Boulevard.

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES:

MTA Board member and Los Angeles City Councilman Richard Alatorre and other local dignitaries will kick off Olvera Street's 5 de Mayo festivities with a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2, at Union Station. Festive music, traditional cuisine and artistic presentations will continue throughout Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4, 1997.

The MTA is the official transportation source to the event and will re-route service on the following dates and times:

Lines 33 & 55 – Starting from 6 a.m. Saturday, May 3, until 6 a.m. Monday, May 5, 1997 on Main Street between Arcadia Street and Cesar Chavez Avenue.

Lines 14 (Route 37), 38 (Route 71), 200 and 204 – Saturday, May 3, 1997 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Vermont Avenue between 36th and 24th streets; Hoover Street between 24 Street and Adams Boulevard; Adams Boulevard between Hoover and Vermont.

Lines (Route 442) – from 6 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 1997 until 5 a.m. Monday, May 5, 1997 on Los Angeles Street between Arcadia and Alameda streets.