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## MTA TO OFFER FREE RIDES ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AS PART OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS PLANNED THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES

The MTA Board of Directors today approved free rides on MTA's Metro Bus and Rail system for those wishing to use public transportation on New Year's Eve as they celebrate the new Millennium.

The free rides will be offered beginning at 11 a.m. on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1999 through 5 a.m. New Year's Day. During those hours patrons can travel free on both the Metro Bus and the Metro Rail system.

The extension of free transit service will provide participants throughout the region with convenient, safe, and efficient alternatives to driving to events and will ensure that the transit dependent have equitable access to the planned celebrations.

The City of Los Angeles is sponsoring five Millennium sites this year. Those sites will be located at the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Plaza, the California Plaza at Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles, Olvera Street, San Pedro/Los Angeles Harbor and at the Van Nuys Airport.

All regular MTA bus lines provide some level of service to the five city-sponsored Millennium sites. In addition, service hours on the Metro Rail system will be extended to 2 a.m. Service on 33 MTA bus lines will be augmented with additional late night service to accommodate transit users.

MTA's Metro Rail system encompasses three lines. The Metro Blue Line operates from Long Beach to downtown Los Angeles. The Metro Green Line operates from Norwalk to El Segundo, with a Blue Line connection at the Imperial Station.

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The Metro Red line subway system operates from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to Wilshire/Western and Hollywood and Vine. The Metro Blue Line connects with the Metro Red Line at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street/Metro Center Station.

During Christmas Eve, MTA also will offer free rides on Metro Buses and Metro Rail from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Metro Rail service hours on Christmas Eve will not be extended past its normal operating time.

For complete route and schedule information the public can call 1-800-C-O-M-M-U-T-E or visit our web site and access MTA's new transit trip planner at [www.mta.net](http://www.mta.net).

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