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MTA OFFERS CONVENIENT AND HASSLE-FREE TRAVEL ON METRO BLUE LINE TO 25TH ANNUAL LONG BEACH GRAND PRIX

For a \$2.70 round-trip fare from downtown Los Angeles or any of the stations along the way, the Metro Blue Line offers visitors to this year's Long Beach Grand Prix competition convenient and hassle-free travel during the weekend of April 16-18.

Originating in downtown Los Angeles at Seventh and Figueroa Streets, the Metro Blue Line winds it way down through the southern Los Angeles County area looping around at the terminus in the City of Long Beach. With a stop one block from the Grand Prix's northern entrance at First Street / Long Beach Boulevard, the Metro Blue Line provides easy access to travelling visitors.

For those travelling by automobile, 1,561 free parking spaces are available at the four park-and-ride facilities at the Artesia, Del Amo, Wardlow and Willow Metro Blue Line Stations. These options provide Grand Prix visitors the opportunity to park their vehicle in a convenient location and ride the Metro Blue Line to the Long Beach Grand Prix race track.

Since this year's Long Beach Grand Prix event is expected to attract over 250,000 people from around the world, Metro Blue Line passengers are encouraged to purchase round-trip tickets at the initiation of their trip.

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