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Metro Urging Hollywood Parade Goers to Use Buses, Subway

(Nov. 14, 2006) Metro is urging patrons to use the bus and subway to get to the 75th annual Hollywood Christmas Parade on Sunday, Nov. 26



The world-famous Hollywood Christmas Parade starts in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre at 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 26. Photo courtesy of Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
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Comedian George Lopez will serve as Grand Marshal, TV personality Regis Philbin has been named Diamond Jubilee Honorary Grand Marshal, and teen pop artist Brooke Hogan and singer Michael Bolton will perform during the parade.

Other celebrity appearances include actors Isaiah Washington, Shawn and Marlon Wayans, and the cast of the film "High School Musical."

Metro suggests arriving in Hollywood an hour or two before the parade to get a great spot for watching. The parade will run from 5 to 7 p.m. but crowds begin assembling by 3 p.m. Metro Rail has subway stops at prime parade viewing locations at Hollywood/Highland and Hollywood/Vine.

On Sunday, avoid Hollywood Boulevard, Vine Street, Highland Avenue and Sunset Boulevard in

Hollywood, which will close beginning at 2 p.m. in preparation for the parade and remain closed until 10 p.m.

Parade starts at Grauman's

The 2.3-mile route starts near the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Orange (in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre), then heads east on Hollywood Boulevard to Vine Street where it turns right (south) on Vine to Sunset Boulevard. It turns right (west) on Sunset and continues west to Orange, ending in front of Hollywood High School.

Metro will add extra cars to all subway trains on parade day. Prior to the parade, trains will operate every 12 minutes to Hollywood from downtown Los Angeles and from the San Fernando Valley. Following the parade, trains will depart the Hollywood area every 12 minutes. Service will begin operating every 20 minutes at approximately 9 p.m.

The last train to the San Fernando Valley will depart Hollywood/Vine at 12:36 a.m. and Hollywood/Highland at 12:38 a.m. It will connect with the last Metro Orange Line bus to leave North Hollywood at 12:56 a.m.

The last train to downtown, connecting to the Metro Blue Line, will depart Hollywood/Highland at 12:22 a.m. and Hollywood/Vine at 12:24 a.m. The last train to downtown (no connection with the Metro Blue Line) will depart Hollywood/Highland at 1:02 a.m. and Hollywood/Vine at 1:04 a.m.

Parade attendees using Metro Bus service should plan trips according to Sunday schedules. Additional buses will supplement lines servicing the Hollywood area as needed. Those Metro Bus Lines providing access to this year's parade route include lines 2, 26, 156, 163, 180, 181, 210, 212 and 217.

Due to parade route and street closures, Metro will re-route nine bus lines in the Hollywood area. The lines to be detoured are 2, 26, 156, 163, 180, 181, 210, 212 and 217. Detours will begin at about 2 p.m. on Sunday and last until the conclusion of the parade.