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MTA TO REROUTE SEVERAL METRO BUS LINES, ADD SERVICE, DURING ANNUAL HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADE; METRO RED LINE SUBWAY COMING SOON TO TINSELTOWN

The MTA will reroute several Metro Bus lines serving the Hollywood area and add 40 extra buses into service during this year's annual Hollywood Christmas Parade on Sunday, November 29. MTA is a cosponsor of the parade. This time next year, the Metro Red Line subway will whisk thousands of people, even Santa Claus, to the event.

The following lines will be detoured from 5 p.m. until the end of the parade:

- Line 1-217 (Hollywood Blvd.-Fairfax Ave.)
- Line 2-3 (Sunset Blvd.)
- Line 4 (Santa Monica Blvd.) (Expected to return to normal route at approximately 9 p.m.)
- Line 10 (Melrose Ave.-Temple St.) (Due to the parade set-up and tear-down, the detour will be in effect from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, November 28, until 6 a.m., Monday, November 30)
- Line 26 (Franklin Ave.-Virgil Ave.)
- Line 163 (Sherman Way-Hollywood Way-Barham Blvd.-Hollywood)
- Line 180-181 (Hollywood Blvd.-Los Feliz Blvd.-Glendale-Pasadena)
- Line 210 (Crenshaw Blvd.-Vine St.)
- Line 212 (La Brea Ave.)
- Line 420 (San Fernando Valley-Hollywood-Los Angeles Express)

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Metro Bus operators will be permitted to stop at any safe location on the detoured portion of the routes to accommodate passenger boardings and alightings.

The schedules of some non-detoured bus lines operating outside the parade route perimeter may be impacted by traffic congestion generated by the event. They include Line 14 (Beverly Blvd.) and Line 207 (Western Ave.)

Brochures outlining the detours will be made available on all the affected Metro Bus lines one week prior to the parade.

Many parade spectators will watch the event just steps from the Hollywood/Vine Metro Red Line Station which will open in May, 1999, when MTA ushers in subway service to Hollywood. The Metro Red Line will provide a convenient way for thousands of people to attend the 1999 Hollywood Christmas Parade, and in the years to come the subway will whisk millions of shoppers, commuters and tourists from Downtown to Tinseltown in just 15 minutes.

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