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METRO RAIL PASSENGERS CAN CATCH NEW HOLLYWOOD BOWL SHUTTLE BUS ONE DAY AFTER SUBWAY OPENS IN VALLEY

A new Hollywood Bowl shuttle bus funded and operated by the MTA will make its debut on June 25 — one day after the Metro Red Line subway begins servicing the San Fernando Valley.

The purpose of the demonstration project, to be offered throughout the Hollywood Bowl season from the MTA's Hollywood/Vine Metro Red Line station, is to provide patrons with quicker access to the Hollywood Bowl and departures and reduce traffic congestion in the area of the outdoor theater. The shuttle also will save patrons of the Hollywood Bowl the costs associated with paying for parking, fuel for the automobile and ensure on-time arrival for shows.

Concert-goers can board the shuttle for free with proof of round-trip cash fare on Metro Rail, which includes the Metro Red Line subway and light rail Metro Blue and Green lines. Cash fare and passes should be purchased just before boarding Metro Rail. Cash fare for senior citizens, the disabled and the blind are offered at a discount. Frequent visitors to the Bowl can realize significant savings with the purchase of weekly, bi-weekly or monthly MTA passes. Student pass discounts also are offered. Discount tokens for all users also can be purchased at various outlets. Call 1-800-COMMUTE for the nearest sales location.

The shuttle buses will begin carrying passengers to the Hollywood Bowl three hours before scheduled performances. The last bus to the Hollywood Bowl will leave 30 minutes before show-time. Return trips will start 20 minutes after

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the show and continue until the last train leaves Hollywood/Vine at 12:05 a.m.

The Hollywood/Vine Metro Red Line station was chosen as the site for the shuttle because even though the new Hollywood/Highland Metro Red Line station, opening June 24, is closer to the Hollywood Bowl, the area experiences greater traffic congestion, making the trip to the Hollywood Bowl longer. The route of the shuttle will include a short southbound trip on the Hollywood Freeway.

If enough people take advantage of the shuttle the MTA will consider making the service permanent.

The 6.3 mile extension of the Metro Red Line subway will feature new stations in Hollywood at Hollywood/Highland, in Universal City across the street from Universal Studios off Lankershim, and in North Hollywood at Lankershim/Chandler. The typical trip from North Hollywood to Hollywood/Vine will take only nine minutes.

For more information regarding travel on fares and the entire Metro System, call 1-800-COMMUTE or visit the MTA's website at www.mta.net which features an interactive trip planner.

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