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SPECIAL GRANDSTAND PACKAGE AVAILABLE

**METRO RAIL AND BUS, THE BEST TICKET IN TOWN TO
THE HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADE**

The Hollywood Christmas Parade is only days away, and getting to Tinseltown's premier annual holiday attraction has never been easier, thanks to this year's opening of the North Hollywood extension of the Metro Red Line subway and the Metro Bus System.

The 69th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade will be held Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. along a 2.1 mile route which includes Hollywood Boulevard, Vine Street and Sunset Boulevard.

The Metro Red Line cruises beneath Hollywood Boulevard with stops at two prime viewing locations, Hollywood/Highland and Hollywood/Vine. The cash fare is \$1.35, and a transfer to the Metro Red Line from the Metro Blue Line or any connecting Metro Bus is only 25 cents.

San Fernando Valley residents will find traveling to the parade more convenient this year with free parking available at the Metro Red Line's new North Hollywood and Universal City stations. Transfers from Metro Rapid Bus Line 750 to the Metro Red Line at the Universal City Station are free.

Many parade attendees may wish to take advantage of this year's Hollywood Christmas Parade grandstand package. The attractive \$20 package includes reserved grandstand seating located conveniently near the Metro Red Line Hollywood/Vine Station, a celebrity souvenir program and round trip fare aboard the Metro System. The package can be purchased by calling Sharp Seating Company at (626)795-4171.

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Purchasers of the Hollywood Christmas Parade grandstand package must show the portion of the grandstand ticket containing the Metro "M" logo upon boarding a Metro Bus and upon request by a uniformed officer while riding the Metro Rail System.

The MTA will add extra cars to all Metro Red Line trains on parade day. Prior to the parade, trains will operate every 12 minutes to Hollywood from downtown L.A. and the Valley. Following the parade, trains will depart the Hollywood area approximately every 10 minutes until about 10 p.m. Service will operate every 20 minutes beginning at approximately 10:30 p.m.

The last train to the Valley will depart Hollywood/Vine at 11:56 p.m. and Hollywood/Highland at 11:58 p.m. The last train to downtown, connecting to the Metro Blue Line, will depart Hollywood/Highland at 11:27 p.m. and Hollywood/Vine at 11:29 p.m.

The last train to downtown (no connection to the Metro Blue Line) will depart Hollywood/Highland at 12:03 a.m. and Hollywood/Vine at 12:05 a.m.

Metro Blue Line trains will operate on the usual Sunday schedule.

Ticket vending machines at Metro Rail stations in the Hollywood area are customarily busy following the parade. To avoid delays on their return trip, Metro Red Line passengers should purchase round trip tickets at their station of origin before the parade.

Parade attendees using Metro Bus service should plan trips according to Sunday schedules. Additional buses will supplement lines servicing the Hollywood area and the North Hollywood and Universal City Metro Red Line stations as needed.

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