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Safe Alternatives To Driving For Party-Goers

**MTA OFFERING FREE METRO BUS AND RAIL RIDES CHRISTMAS EVE
AND NEW YEAR'S EVE**

For the seventh consecutive year, the MTA will offer free bus and train rides on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, an ongoing tradition established by the MTA Board to afford merrymakers a safe journey home, reduce traffic congestion and collisions.

Patrons may ride for free from 9 p.m. until closing — which is generally around midnight — on the Metro Rail system, and from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on the Metro Bus system.

Metro Rail and Metro Bus systems will operate on a Sunday schedule Christmas Day and New Year's Day, both which fall on Tuesday this year.

KLOVE (107.5 FM), La Nueva (101.9 FM) and Recuerdo (103.9 FM and 1020 AM) are co-sponsors of this year's free rides and will publicize the promotion on-air.

The free rides offer also is being publicized on MTA buses and on Metro Rail trains. The 59.4 mile Metro Rail system includes the 17.4 mile Metro Red Line subway, the 22-mile light rail Metro Blue Line and 20 mile Green Line.

For complete routes and schedule information, the public can call 1-800-COMMUTE. A customized trip planner is located at www.mta.net.

Throughout the year, the cash fare on the Metro System is reduced from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. to 75 cents, and 35 cents for senior/disabled riders. The regular fare is \$1.35.