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USE METRO RAIL AND METRO BUS TO GET TO THIS YEAR'S HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADE

Getting to the Hollywood Christmas Parade has never been easier, thanks to the Metro Red Line subway that offers stops along the parade route at both Hollywood and Highland and Hollywood and Vine.

"Using Metro Rail will make it easy for spectators to see all the excitement that the parade offers without the hassle of traffic or finding a place to park," said MTA CEO Roger Snoble. "We encourage people to use both the Metro Rail system and Metro Buses to get to and from the parade route."

The 71st Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade will be held Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. along a 2.1-mile route that includes Hollywood Boulevard, Vine Street and Sunset Boulevard.

The Metro Red Line operates beneath Hollywood Boulevard with stops at two prime viewing locations, Hollywood/Highland and Hollywood/Vine. The cash fare is \$1.35 one-way with round trip tickets selling for \$2.70. 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 convenient with free parking available at the Metro Red Line's North Hollywood and Universal City stations.

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In addition, Metro Rail late night hours of service have recently been expanded by up to one hour, depending on the direction traveled, so parade goers can relax and enjoy entertainment venues after the parade.

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

Metro Rail ticket vending machines at 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 Metro Bus lines servicing the Hollywood area and the North Hollywood and Universal City Metro Red Line stations as needed.

Due to the parade route and street closures, MTA will re-route 10 bus lines in the Hollywood area. The lines to be detoured include lines 2, 3, 26, 156, 163, 180, 181, 210, 212 and 217. All detours will begin at approximately 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1 and last until the conclusion of the parade.

For specific routes and schedules call 1-800-C-O-M-M-U-T-E or visit MTA's web site at www.mta.net.

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