

## **Metro Rail Best Way to View L.A. Marathon**

- **Metro Bus Service will be Detoured for Race**

Metro Rail will be the best bet for thousands of race fans wishing to view the 18<sup>th</sup> annual L.A. Marathon that will take place Sunday, March 2, on the streets of Central and South Los Angeles.

Metro Rail has nearly 60 miles of tracks operating throughout Los Angeles County. People from Long Beach, El Segundo, Norwalk, San Fernando Valley, Hollywood and downtown Los Angeles can now enjoy the convenience of rail travel and see all the highlights of this year's Marathon.

The best stations to view the beginning and end of the race will be the Metro Red Lines stations at 7th/Metro/Julian Dixon and Pershing Square, just a few blocks away from 5<sup>th</sup> and Figueroa and 5<sup>th</sup> and Flower. The stations at Westlake/MacArthur Park, Wilshire/Vermont and Wilshire/Normandie will be in a short walking distance to Olympic Boulevard. Meanwhile, Wilshire/Western station is close either to Olympic Boulevard or Wilton Place along the Marathon route.

On the Metro Blue Line, the Pico and Grand Station will be close to the race course along Figueroa Street.

MTA recommends passengers purchase round-trip tickets to avoid lines at the ticket vending machines. The cost of a regular round-trip ticket on the Metro Red Line is \$2.70. MTA passes also will be honored. Proof of payment is required to ride the Metro Rail System. Passengers traveling between multiple Metro Rail lines will need to purchase multiple round-trip tickets or one-way tickets with a 25-cent transfer.

The 26-mile LA Marathon course will temporarily impact 46 Metro Bus lines in downtown Los Angeles, Mid-City, USC/Exposition Park, West Adams, Mid-Wilshire, Hancock Park, Beverly Hills, Crenshaw District and Koreatown.

Metro Bus service affected by the LA Marathon on Sunday, March 2, includes lines: 16, 18, 20, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33, 37, 38, 40, 42, 51, 52, 53, 60, 65, 66, 68, 81, 83, 84, 102, 105, 200, 204, 206, 207, 210, 212, 217, 220, 305, 362, 434, 439, 444, 445, 446, 447, 460, 487, 550, 603, 720, 754.

Service changes and detours for the Metro Bus System will occur between the hours of 4 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 2.

Brochures detailing the Metro bus detours in English and Spanish have been placed on Metro buses and trains to notify patrons of the temporary changes and detours.

All Metro Rail lines will run as scheduled without interruptions.

For specific schedules and route information about this year's Marathon, call 1 (800) COMMUTE or visit MTA's web site at [www.mta.net](http://www.mta.net).

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