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Metro to Reroute 5 Bus Lines, Close Metro Red Line Hollywood/Highland Station Before and During Academy Awards Show

To accommodate preparation for this year's Academy Awards ceremony in Hollywood, Metro will begin rerouting several bus lines operating on Hollywood Boulevard near the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood and Highland the week before the February 29 event.

Beginning at 11 p.m. Monday, February 23, Hollywood Boulevard will be closed between Highland Avenue and Orange Drive for six days to allow for construction of press risers, fan bleachers and pre-show stages for the 76th Annual Academy Awards red carpet area.

Hollywood Boulevard will be reopened by noon on Monday, March 1.

Metro has three sets of detours for this event:

Lines 212 and 217 will not run on Hollywood Boulevard between La Brea Avenue and Highland beginning Tuesday, February 24 through noon Monday, March 1. On Sunday, February 29, Lines 212 and 217 will run on Sunset Boulevard between Vine Street and La Brea. Line 156 will detour on Vine Street between Santa Monica Boulevard and Hollywood Boulevard.

Lines 210 and 163 will not run on Hollywood Boulevard between Highland Avenue and Vine Street beginning Thursday, February 26 through Monday morning, March 1. Line 163 will start service at Argyle Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard from Thursday through Monday. Line 210 will start at Vine Street and Hollywood Boulevard.

No Metro Bus service will run on Hollywood Boulevard between La Brea Avenue and Vine Street and also on Highland Avenue between Santa Monica Boulevard and Odin Street on Sunday, February 29.

All Metro Bus stops will be posted with instructions on where to board buses during the detours. All detours are subject to change on Sunday prior to, during and after the awards ceremony due to additional unscheduled street closures as ordered by LAPD.

The Metro Red Line subway station at Hollywood and Highland will be closed all day on Sunday, February 29. Metro Red Line trains will continue to operate, bypassing the Hollywood/Highland station. There will be no public access permitted at the station. The station will be reopened Monday morning with regular service.

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