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**26-mile LA Marathon course runs through central part of the City  
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When thousands of LA Marathon race spectators converge along the race course for this year's LA Marathon Sunday, March 7, Metro Rail will be the best bet for viewing various locations as the runners make their way along the race route.

Individuals planning to attend the LA Marathon are encouraged to use the nearly 74 miles of Metro Rail now operating throughout Los Angeles County. Fans from Pasadena, Long Beach, El Segundo, Norwalk, the 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 Line stations at 7th/Metro/Julian Dixon and Pershing Square just a few blocks away from 5th and Figueroa and 5th and Flower along the race route. The Metro stations at Westlake/MacArthur Park, Wilshire/Vermont and Wilshire/Normandie will be at a short walking distance to Olympic Boulevard. Meanwhile the Wilshire/Western station is close either to Olympic Boulevard or Wilton Place along the Marathon route.

On the Metro Blue Line, the Pico/Chick Hearn station will be close to the race course along Figueroa Street. Patrons are encouraged to purchase round-trip tickets to avoid lines at the ticket vending machines. The cost of a regular round-trip ticket on Metro Rail is \$2.50. Metro passes will be honored. Proof of payment is required to ride Metro Rail. Passengers traveling between multiple Metro Rail lines or Metro buses may purchase a Metro Day Pass for \$3 and travel as many times as they need it.

The 26-mile LA Marathon course runs throughout the Central City area and will also impact 49 Metro Bus lines in the downtown Los Angeles, Mid-City, USC/Exposition Park, West Adams, Mid-Wilshire, Hancock Park, Beverly Hills, Crenshaw District and Koreatown.

Metro Bus Lines affected by the LA Marathon on Sunday, March 7 will included lines: 14, 16, 18, 20, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33, 37, 38, 40, 42, 51, 52, 53, 55, 60, 65, 66, 68, 81, 83, 102, 105, 200, 204, 206, 207, 210, 212, 217, 220, 305, 333, 362, 434, 439, 444, 445, 446, 447, 460, 487, 550, 603, 720, 754.

Services changes and detours for the Metro Bus system will occur between the hours of 4 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 7.

Brochures detailing the Metro Bus detours in English and Spanish have been placed on Metro buses and Metro 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 Metro.net. For more information on these and other itineraries available via Metro, visit [ExperienceLA.com](http://ExperienceLA.com)

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