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**Metro Rail and Metro Bus Gets You to This Year's Hollywood Christmas Parade Sunday, Nov. 28**

The Hollywood Christmas Parade is fast approaching and Metro Rail and Metro Bus can get you there without the hassle of fighting traffic and trying to find a parking space.

"The Hollywood Christmas Parade is a holiday tradition here in the Southland and taking Metro to the event is the best transportation bargain in town," said Metro CEO Roger Snoble. "To avoid traffic and parking hassles, we encourage those attending the event to use Metro."

The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade will be held Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. along a 2.1-mile route which includes Hollywood Boulevard, Vine Street and Sunset Boulevard.

The Metro Red Line subway cruises beneath Hollywood Boulevard with stops at two prime viewing locations, Hollywood/Highland and Hollywood/Vine. The cash fare is \$1.25 one-way with a round trip ticket costing \$2.50.

New this year is the availability of a Metro Day Pass for those traveling by Metro Bus and Metro Rail that costs only \$3. It is good for unlimited travel on all Metro operated bus and rail and is the best buy for those using a combination of Metro Bus and Metro Rail lines including the Metro Gold Line from Pasadena, the Metro Blue Line from Long Beach or the Metro Green Line from El Segundo and Norwalk to connect with the Metro Red Line for the trip to Hollywood.

Many parade attendees may wish to take advantage of this year's Hollywood Christmas Parade grandstand seating packages. The package includes reserved grandstand seating located conveniently near the Metro Red Line Hollywood/Highland Station. The packages range in price from \$30 to \$40 and can be purchased at the parade site or by calling the Hollywood Christmas Parade at (866) 727-2331 or (714) 521-8825.

Metro will add extra train 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 from the San Fernando Valley.

Following the parade, trains will depart the Hollywood area every 12 minutes. Service will begin operating every 20 minutes at approximately 9 p.m.

The last train to the Valley will depart Hollywood/Vine at 12:36 a.m. and Hollywood/Highland at 12:38 a.m. The last train to downtown, connecting to the Metro Blue Line, will depart Hollywood/Highland at 12:22 a.m. and Hollywood/Vine at 12:24 a.m.

The last train to downtown (no connection to the Metro Blue Line) will depart Hollywood/Highland at 1:02 a.m. and Hollywood/Vine at 1:04 a.m.

Parade attendees using Metro Bus service should plan trips according to Sunday schedules. Additional buses will supplement lines servicing the Hollywood area as needed. Those Metro Bus Lines providing access to this year's parade route include Metro Lines: 2, 26, 156, 163, 180, 181, 210, 212 and 217.

For route and schedule information visit [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net) or call 1-800-C-O-M-M-U-T-E.

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