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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Go Metro to L.A. Marathon Sunday, March 6

- Metro Rail is the best way for race fans to get close to the L.A. Marathon as thousands ride and run through the streets of downtown Los Angeles Sunday, March 6.

With eight Metro Rail stations just a short walking distance from the race course, L.A. Marathon spectators from all over Los Angeles County will be able to enjoy the convenience of rail travel and see all the highlights of this year's Marathon and not have to worry about traffic or parking.

The best stations to view the beginning and end of the 20th annual L.A. Marathon will be the Metro Red Line stations at 7th/Metro/Julian Dixon and Pershing Square just a few blocks away from the race course at 5th and Figueroa and 5th and Flower.

The Metro Rail stations at Westlake/MacArthur Park, Wilshire/Vermont and Wilshire/Normandie also are a short walk to Olympic Boulevard. The Wilshire/Western station is close to either 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.

Passengers traveling between multiple Metro Rail lines or Metro Buses should purchase a Metro Day Pass for \$3 and travel as often as they wish that day. The regular Metro fare is \$1.25. Monthly passes are also accepted.

The 26-mile L.A. Marathon course runs throughout the Central City area and will impact 43 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 Lines affected by the L.A. Marathon on Sunday, March 6, include Metro lines 16, 18, 20, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33, 37, 38, 40, 42, 51, 52, 53, 55, 60, 65, 66, 68, 81, 102, 105, 200, 204, 206, 207, 210, 212, 217, 305, 362, 434, 439, 444, 445, 446, 447, 460, 487, 550, 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 6.

For more information on Metro Bus detours call 1 (800) COMMUTE or visit the Metro website at www.metro.net, and look under "Metro Spotlight." Brochures detailing the Metro Bus detours in English and Spanish have been placed on Metro buses and Metro Rail trains to notify patrons of the temporary changes and detours.

Due to the extensive detours and traffic delays, customers should allow additional travel time to ensure they reach their destination on time.

All Metro Rail lines will run as scheduled without interruptions.

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