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## **Go Metro to L.A. Marathon Sunday, March 19**

Metro Rail is the best way for race fans to get close to the L.A. Marathon as thousands run and ride bicycles through the streets of downtown Los Angeles Sunday, March 19.

With eight Metro Rail stations just a short walking distance from the racecourse, 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 follow the action of the 21st 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 beginning and the end of the 26-mile course at 5th and Figueroa Streets and 5th and Flower.

Metro Blue Line Pico/Chick Hearn station will be close to the racecourse along Figueroa Street.

The Metro Rail station at Westlake/McArthur Park, Wilshire/Vermont and Wilshire/Normandie also are a short walk to Olympic Boulevard. The Wilshire/Western station is close either to Olympic Boulevard or Wilton Place along the marathon route.

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 49 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 19, included Metro lines 14, 16, 18, 20, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33, 37, 38, 40, 42, 51, 52, 53, 55, 60, 62, 65, 66, 68, 81, 83, 84, 102, 105, 200, 204, 206, 207, 210, 212, 217, 305, 333, 439, 444, 445, 446, 447, 460, 487, 534, 550, 603, 720, 754, 757.

Service changes and detours for the Metro Bus System will occur between the hours 4 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 19.

For more information on Metro Bus detours call 1 (800) COMMUTE or visit the Metro website at Metro.net, and look under "Metro Spotlight." Brochures detailing the Metro Bus detours in English and Spanish will be 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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