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Metro Rail This Year's Best Bet to See L.A. Marathon; Metro to Reroute and Detour 80 Bus Lines Around New Marathon Race Route March 4 / (video)

- New Race Route to Impact Metro Bus Operations in Downtown Los Angeles

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When thousands of LA Marathon race spectators converge along the new racecourse for the 22nd annual LA Marathon Sunday, March 4, the Metro Rail system will be the best bet for viewing various locations as the runners make their way along the race route.

For the first time, the 26-mile course will start in Universal City this year and run down through Hollywood, Mid-Wilshire, USC/Exposition Park, West Adams, East LA and end in downtown Los Angeles at Fifth and Flower.

Those individuals planning to attend the LA Marathon are encouraged to use the 73.1-miles of Metro Rail now operating throughout Los Angeles County. People from Long Beach, El Segundo, Norwalk, the San Fernando Valley, Hollywood, Pasadena, downtown Los Angeles and all points in between, can enjoy the convenience of rail travel and see all the highlights of this year's Marathon.

Since the LA Marathon has a new start location at Universal City, race participants are also encouraged to use the Metro Red Line subway system to travel to the starting point near Metro's Universal City Red Line station in the San Fernando Valley. Because of the influx of both spectators and participants using the Metro Red Line on Sunday, March 4, Metro will operate Red Line trains every six minutes during the early morning hours and every 10 minutes up until approximately 4 p.m.

The new Metro Orange Line in the San Fernando Valley also will operate uninterrupted and provides a great access to the Metro Red Line subway at the North Hollywood station for those in the San Fernando Valley wishing to see this year's LA Marathon.

The public is encouraged to take advantage of Metro's \$3 Day Pass which entitles riders to unlimited use of both Metro Bus and Metro Rail trains throughout the day. Proof of payment is required to ride the Metro Rail system.

In addition, due to the new race route and starting location, Metro will reroute or detour 80 Metro Bus lines around the new racecourse. The service changes and detours for the Metro Bus system will occur between the hours of 4 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday March 4.

Metro Bus Lines affected by this year's LA Marathon will include lines: 2, 4, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33, 37, 38, 40, 42, 45, 48, 51, 52, 53, 55, 60, 62, 65, 66, 68, 70, 71, 76, 78, 79, 81, 83, 84, 90, 91, 92, 94, 96, 102, 105, 150, 155, 156, 163, 180, 181, 200, 201, 204, 206, 207, 210, 212, 217, 224, 240, 304, 305, 333, 439, 444, 445, 446, 447, 460, 484, 485, 487, 490, 550, 603, 720, 745, 750, 754, 757.

In the downtown Los Angeles area, Metro Bus operations will be impacted with no through service on Metro Buses provided between Western Avenue on the west, Third Street on the north, Soto Street on the east and Vernon Avenue on the south. Some Metro Bus service using the Santa Monica and Harbor freeways will continue to operate through the impacted area via those freeways.

Metro Buses traveling through this area will instead drop passengers off at nearby Metro Rail stations. Those stations will include the Wilshire/Western and Union Station of the Metro Red Line and the Vernon and Grand stations of the Metro Blue Line. All Metro Rail lines will have added capacity to meet ridership demands in the early morning hours. This includes the Metro Red Line subway from downtown Los Angeles to Wilshire/Western, Hollywood, Universal City and North Hollywood in the San Fernando Valley, as well as the Metro Blue Line from

Long Beach to Los Angeles, the Metro Green Line from Norwalk to El Segundo and the Metro Gold Line from Pasadena to downtown Los Angeles.

Thousands of brochures, each containing a map and printed in English and Spanish have been placed on board Metro Buses and trains to notify passengers of the temporary service changes and detours. For detour and schedule information, visit Metro's web site at www.metro.net or call 1-800-C-O-M-M-U-T-E.

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