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May 1st Planned Marches to Impact Metro Bus Service

Metro plans to run regular Metro Bus and Metro Rail service on Thursday, May 1.

However, in anticipation of several planned marches set to take place on that day during the May 1st National Protest, some Metro Bus service will be detoured and experience delays.

For the planned march on Broadway from Olympic to City Hall:

Metro Bus service operating on Broadway in downtown Los Angeles will be interrupted by the march from approximately 2 p.m. through late afternoon, Thursday, May 1

Metro Buses scheduled to operate on Broadway will be diverted to either Main and Los Angeles streets to the east or Grand and Olive streets to the west. Those Metro Bus Lines operating on Broadway that will experience some service delays include: Lines 2, 4, 30, 31, 40, 42, 45, 46, 740 and 745. All bus lines that normally cross Broadway between 1st Street and Olympic Blvd. will also experience service delays.

Two other planned May 1st marches

Two other planned marches set to begin around 1 p.m. include a march from MacArthur Park, entering the downtown area from the west. An additional march also is planned to begin at 7th Street and Alameda and proceed north on Alameda, then west on 5th Street to converge with the other planned marches.

As a result of the multiple marches converging on the Central Business District from different directions, there will be periods during the afternoon when buses, along with all other vehicular traffic, will not be allowed to operate across some intersections along the detour routes. When this occurs, Metro Bus Operators will be required to stop in a safe location, open the doors to allow passengers to alight, and wait for the marchers to pass the location. Los Angeles Department of Transportation Traffic Engineers will reopen the intersections behind the marchers as soon as it is safe to do so.

Metro understands the inconvenience that these events cause for our patrons and ask that they plan their daily trips accordingly and allow for extra travel time. Patrons can call 1-800-C-O-M-M-U-T-E or visit Metro's Web site at www.metro.net for updated information.

All Metro Rail lines (Metro Red/Purple Line, Metro Blue Line, Metro Green Line and Metro Gold Line) will run on normal schedules.

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