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Bus Service in Central Downtown LA to be Detoured

Extra Metro Rail Service Added for Upcoming May Day March in Downtown Los Angeles on Monday, May 1

With several marches planned on Monday, May 1, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will add extra rail service and security in anticipation of thousands of individuals participating in the May Day March.

Metro will offer weekday rush hour service throughout the day on the Metro Gold, Blue, Expo and Green Lines and will increase rush hour frequency of Metro Red Line subway trains to operate every six minutes throughout the day using six-car trains.

With tens of thousands of people projected to attend the May Day marches, Metro advises riders using the rail system to buy TAP cards and load them with fare in advance and go early to avoid what could be massive crowds. Rides will not be free on May 1 and all riders will need a TAP card loaded with fare to board trains and buses.

The May Day March is planned to begin at MacArthur Park at 11 a.m. with participants then marching via Wilshire Boulevard and Hill Street to Grand Park in downtown Los Angeles for a 1:30 p.m. rally.

Metro bus service will be changing throughout the day and delays are expected for the lines that pass through the central downtown Los Angeles area. To check for bus detour information, patrons can visit Metro's service advisory page at www.metro.net. Real-time information regarding changes in detours will be available on Twitter at the @metrolosangeles and @metroLAalerts feeds. Metro will have signs posted at area bus stops with detour information. Field supervisors will be in the area to assist patrons.

Metro staff will also be on hand to help new customers buy TAP cards at TAP vending machines. If the projected number of participants converge on the rail lines simultaneously as they did for the Women's March earlier this year, lines will be long.

Riders are urged to take a few minutes before Monday's May Day March and buy a \$1 TAP card and load it with at least \$3.50 in stored value (the equivalent of a round-trip ride). The regular adult fare is \$1.75 one-way and includes two hours of free transfers on Metro buses and trains. Every rider using the system must have his/her own TAP card.

The busiest rail stations will be the Red Line's Westlake/MacArthur Park Station, 7th Street Metro Center Station, the Grand Park/Civic Center Station and Union Station in downtown Los Angeles.

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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