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## Metro to Offer Free Rides on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

Don't let traffic ruin your holiday season! Let Metro do the driving. Metro will once again offer free rides on all Metro Bus and Rail lines operating on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, Metro Bus and Rail will run on a regular Sunday schedule. <u>Rides will be free from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.</u> Customers who board during those hours will receive a free ride to their destination.

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, Metro Bus and Rail will run on a Sunday/Holiday schedule. Bus lines that do not operate on Sundays will not run on Monday.

On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, Metro Bus will operate on a regular Sunday schedule. Metro Rail will run every 12 minutes on all lines with overnight, 24-hour service. Free fares will be in effect from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. After 2 a.m., transit riders will need to TAP to ride. Metro Rail will run every 20 minutes from approximately 1 a.m. to 5 a.m.

On New Year's Day, Jan. 1, Metro Buses will operate on a Sunday/Holiday schedule. Bus lines that do not operate on Sundays will not run on Monday. Metro will operate enhanced rail service for the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game in Pasadena. The Metro Gold Line will be the best way to get to the Pasadena events, as numerous Metro bus lines along the Rose Parade route will be detoured or split into two segments at Colorado Boulevard until streets are reopened. There are multiple stations that serve the parade route in Pasadena, including Del Mar, Memorial Park, Lake and Allen. Attendees should ride to Memorial Park Station to access the free bus shuttles from the Parsons parking lot to the Rose Bowl.

New this year in Pasadena, Metro Bike Share will have a special pop-up station in Victory Park for those who would like to bike to post-parade float viewing. The station will be available to all riders, including those with a Metro Bike Share 1-Day Pass, which can be purchased <u>online</u> with a credit/debit card for \$7. With the Day Pass, all bike share trips taken that day 30 minutes or less are free. For more information on Metro Bike Share, visit <u>www.metro.net/bikeshare</u>.

While free fares are in effect, fare gates will be unlatched and anyone who accidentally taps their TAP card will not be charged. Metro's one-way fare is \$1.75 with two hours of free transfers. Metro Day Pass fares are valid until 3 a.m. the following day.

## 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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