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Easily connect to all events via Metro Bus and Rail

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is making it easy for fans to access College Football Playoff (CFP) National Championship events at the L.A. Convention Center, Banc of California Stadium and the national championship game at SoFi Stadium. Fans can ride Metro Bus and Rail to all CFP events throughout the January 6-8 weekend.

"Metro is ready and willing to be the first choice of transportation for thousands of football fans and concertgoers heading to CFP events in Los Angeles and Inglewood," said Glendale City Council Member and Metro Board Chair Ara J. Najarian. "We want you to spend more time with fellow fans, friends and family at the events instead of being stuck in traffic."

"The access and convenience of riding Metro provides fans of college football an easy way to get around the Los Angeles area during national championship weekend," said Bill Hancock, Executive Director of the CFP. "We have a number of great activities taking place throughout the Los Angeles area and getting our fans to and from those events quickly will be easy when they utilize Metro transportation."

Fans can experience Playoff Fan Central at the L.A. Convention Center from January 6 to January 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will take place in the Convention Center's South Hall at 1201 S. Figueroa Street in Los Angeles. The L.A. Convention Center is accessible via Metro by taking the A Line (Blue), E Line (Expo) or J Line (Silver) bus and exiting at Pico Station. The Convention Center is just one block away on Figueroa Street.

"Metro is the best choice for getting to the big game to avoid wasting time looking for parking or stuck in traffic," said Mayor of Los Angeles and Metro Board Member Karen Bass. "Spend time on what matters most! Go Metro!"

As part of this exciting weekend, fans can head to the AT&T Playoff Playlist Live concerts at Banc of California Stadium on Saturday, January 7 and Sunday, January 8 starting at 6 p.m. The stadium is located at 3939 S. Figueroa Street in Los Angeles. For car-free access to the stadium, fans should consider riding the E Line (Expo) and exit at the Expo/USC station.

"I'm excited to welcome college football fans to the Inglewood and South Los Angeles communities of L.A. County's Second District for the College Football National Championship," said L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Holly J. Mitchell. "Bulldog and Hornfrog fans can now easily access key destinations in downtown L.A., Expo Park, the Crenshaw District, Inglewood and SoFi stadium through Metro's extensive bus and rail network, including the new K Line."

To cap off the weekend and avoid traffic congestion and very limited parking near SoFi Stadium, Metro will be running its free bus shuttle between the C Line's (Green) Hawthorne/Lennox Station and SoFi Stadium on Monday, January 9 for the CFP National Championship that kicks off at 4:30 p.m.

Customers can also access SoFi from the new K Line rail service via Metro Bus Line 212 at the K Line's Downtown Inglewood Station. Metro Bus Line 212 serves bus stops on Prairie Avenue adjacent to SoFi Stadium.

"The City of Champions and Metro will again show the nation and the world that we are ready to host yet another major championship game," said Mayor of Inglewood and Metro Board Member James T. Butts. "Leave the driving to Metro and learn why Inglewood is the new entertainment capital with all it has to offer."

The C Line runs between the cities of Norwalk and Redondo Beach. From downtown Los Angeles, riders can reach the C Line by taking either the J Line (Silver) express bus and transferring to the C Line at Harbor Freeway Station or taking the A Line (Blue) and transferring to

the C Line at Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station.

Shuttle buses to SoFi Stadium will run every five to eight minutes from Hawthorne/Lennox C Line Station beginning at 12.30 p.m., with kickoff at 4:30 p.m. local time. After the game, buses will run frequently for up to 90 minutes until crowds are cleared.

To reach the shuttle bus, riders should exit the station and board buses on northbound Hawthorne Boulevard. Shuttle buses will drop off and pick up riders at the purple shuttle zone at SoFi Stadium — near the corner of Prairie Avenue and Arbor Vitae Street.

“We look forward to seeing thousands of college football fans on the Metro system this championship weekend,” said Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins. “Metro is the quick, easy and stress-free way to get to the CFP Championship game and events throughout L.A.!”

To plan trips, customers are encouraged to download the Transit app (<https://www.metro.net/riding/transitapp/>) or visit [metro.net](http://www.metro.net/) (<http://www.metro.net/>). Regular fares on Metro are \$1.75 and include two hours of free transfers in one direction. TAP cards can be purchased from TAP vending machines at all Metro Rail stations to pay your fare. Riders can also use their smartphones as a TAP card by downloading the TAP app, available in the Apple App Store (<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/tap-la/id1505839730>) and Google Play Store (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.metro.taprider&pli=1>).

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