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## **MTA WILL RE-ROUTE BUS SERVICE IN WATTS, CYPRESS AND DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES TO FACILITATE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVITIES**

MTA will re-route several Metro Bus lines to facilitate transportation to the annual 5 de Mayo festivities celebrated in Cypress, Watts and Downtown Los Angeles/Olvera Street.

### **CYPRESS AREA:**

The Cypress area will hold celebration in two of its parks: Glassell Park and Cypress Park.

**Glassell Park**, along Cypress Avenue between Pepper Street and Alice Street, will see **Metro Bus line 28 (routes 84 and 85)** re-routed to accommodate the community's second annual 5 de Mayo parade, on Saturday, May 3, 1997, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

### **Cypress Park:**

Cypress Park will celebrate its fourth annual 5 de Mayo festivities with a program including music and dancing and a parade scheduled Saturday, May 3, 1997, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The MTA will operate one of its new CNG (alternative fuel) buses, displaying the new Metro paint color scheme, and an MTA tow truck in the parade.

### **WATTS**

**Lines 53, 55, 56, 117 & 251** – Will be re-routed Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Watts 5 de Mayo parade on 103 Street

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between Central, Wilmington Avenues, and Wilmington Avenue between 103 Street and Santa Ana Boulevard.

**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES:**

MTA Board member and Los Angeles City Councilman Richard Alatorre and other local dignitaries will kick off Olvera Street's 5 de Mayo festivities with a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2, at Union Station. Festive music, traditional cuisine and artistic presentations will continue throughout Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4, 1997.

The MTA is the official transportation source to the event and will re-route service on the following dates and times:

**Lines 33 & 55** – Starting from 6 a.m. Saturday, May 3, until 6 a.m. Monday, May 5, 1997 on Main Street between Arcadia Street and Cesar Chavez Avenue.

**Lines 14 (Route 37), 38 (Route 71), 200 and 204** – Saturday, May 3, 1997 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Vermont Avenue between 36th and 24th streets; Hoover Street between 24 Street and Adams Boulevard; Adams Boulevard between Hoover and Vermont.

**Lines (Route 442)** – from 6 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 1997 until 5 a.m. Monday, May 5, 1997 on Los Angeles Street between Arcadia and Alameda streets.