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MTA TO REROUTE 61 METRO BUS ROUTES FOR LA MARATHON; METRO RAIL SERVICE WILL BE UP AND RUNNING UNDER NORMAL SCHEDULES

MTA will temporarily reroute 61 Metro Bus routes in the Los Angeles and Hollywood area during the 13th annual Los Angeles Marathon race Sunday, March 29.

Normal schedules will be operated on the Metro Red Line subway system, as well as the Metro Blue Line between Long Beach and downtown Los Angeles and the Metro Green Line between Norwalk and El Segundo.

Most service changes and detours for the Metro Bus system will occur between the hours of 4:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in downtown Los Angeles, Exposition Park, Mid-Wilshire and Hollywood areas.

The race will begin at 6th and Figueroa streets in downtown Los Angeles and finish at 5th and Flower streets in front of the Los Angeles Central Public Library.

Those wishing to see the beginning of the race can use MTA's Metro Rail service to travel to the Metro Red Line's Seventh Street Metro Center station at 7th and Flower streets. MTA's Metro Red Line Pershing Square station is adjacent to the finish line at 5th and Flower streets.

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Patrons traveling from Long Beach can use the Metro Blue line to downtown Los Angeles. Those traveling from either Norwalk or El Segundo can use the Metro Green Line, transferring to the Metro Blue Line at the Imperial/Wilmington station to complete their trip to downtown Los Angeles.

Thousands of brochures, each containing a map and printed in English and Spanish, have been placed on MTA buses and trains this week to notify passengers of the temporary service changes and detours.

Metro Bus lines affected by the LA Marathon on Sunday, March 29, will include lines: 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33, 37, 38, 40, 51, 53, 56, 60, 66, 67, 68, 76, 78, 79, 81, 83, 84, 96, 97, 102, 163, 180, 181, 200, 201, 204, 206, 207, 210, 212, 401, 420, 439, 444, 446, 447, 460, 462, 470, 471, 483, 484, 485, 487, 550, 601, and 603.

MTA Bus and Rail patrons are advised to plan their trips early and obtain a free brochure aboard Metro buses, or call 1-800-COMMUTE. Schedule and route information also is available by calling (213) 626-4455 or (310) 320-9442 between 6 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.