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NEW AND IMPROVED MTA SYSTEMWIDE TRANSIT MAP NOW AVAILABLE

The MTA's newest systemwide Metro Bus and Rail map, sponsored by Nix Check Cashing, is now available free-of-charge at over 50 Nix Check Cashing outlets. The map is one of the most comprehensive, easy to follow transit service maps ever produced by the Authority, making trip planning far more convenient.

Starting November 17, the maps, which reflect public transit services in a service area encompassing 1,433 square miles, can also be picked up at six MTA Customer Service Centers.

The maps, measuring 4-inches by 9-inches when folded, but large enough to cover a breakfast table when unfurled, depict in color codes the latest and all MTA Metro Bus lines, MTA Metro Rail lines and stations as well as municipal bus lines, Metrolink routes and stations. The maps also reference numerous Los Angeles County highways and freeways.

To locate the nearest Nix Check Cashing outlet, call (310) 538-2242, ext. 301. MTA Customer Service Centers are located at: 515 S. Flower Street, level C, Arco Plaza Customer Center; 5301 Wilshire Boulevard, Wilshire Customer Center; 3650 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 101B, Baldwin Hills Customer Center; 14435 Sherman Way, Suite 107, San Fernando Valley Customer Center; 4501 "B" Whittier Blvd., East L.A. Customer Center; East Portal, Union Station; and adjacent to East Portal at MTA headquarters, One Gateway Plaza, plaza level.

The initial run of 25,000 maps was printed by Nix Check Cashing; an updated re-print is planned for January. By mid-November, the map should be featured online at www.mta.net., which already carries a customized trip planner.

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