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METRO BUS SERVICE CHANGES DURING THE LOS ANGELES MARATHON

The MTA will reroute many Metro Bus routes in the Los Angeles and Hollywood area during the 15th annual Los Angeles Marathon race Sunday, March 5.

The 26 mile course runs throughout the central city and will impact 59 Metro Bus Lines in the Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood and Mid-Wilshire areas.

Metro Bus lines affected by the LA Marathon on Sunday, March 5, will include lines: 2, 3, 4, 10, 14,16,18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33, 37, 38, 40, 51, 53, 56, 60, 66, 68, 76, 78, 79, 81, 83, 84, 96, 97, 102, 163, 180, 181, 200, 201, 204, 206, 207, 210, 212, 217, 362, 401, 420, 439, 444, 446, 447, 460, 470, 483, 484, 485, 487, 550, 601, 603.

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

All Metro Rail lines will run as scheduled without interruption. This included the Metro Red Line subway, as well as the Metro Blue Line between Long Beach and downtown Los Angeles and the Metro Green Line between Norwalk and El Segundo.

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

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

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 services changes and detours.

Metro Bus and Rail patrons are advised to plan their trips early and can obtain a free brochure aboard Metro buses or trains. For specific schedules and route information call 1-(800)-COMMUTE.

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