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BUS SERVICE REROUTED BEGINNING TODAY, MARCH 19

MTA TO REROUTE 8 BUS LINES BEFORE AND DURING ACADEMY
AWARDS SHOW; METRO RED LINE STATION AT HOLLYWOOD/HIGHLAND
CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS SUNDAY, MARCH 24

To accommodate for the preparation of this year's Academy Awards ceremony in Hollywood, MTA will begin rerouting several bus lines operating on Hollywood Boulevard near the Kodak Theater at Hollywood and Highland the week before the March 24 event.

Beginning today, March 19, at 11 pm. through 6 a.m. Monday, March 25, due to the closure of Hollywood Boulevard between Highland and Orange, MTA lines 212 and 217 will be detoured -- westbound only -- onto Sunset Boulevard. Eastbound bus travel on Hollywood Boulevard between Orange and Highland will not be affected.

On Sunday, March 24, beginning at approximately 10 a.m., MTA bus lines 26, 163, 180, 181, 210, & 212 will terminate at the Metro Red Line station at Hollywood and Vine. MTA Line 217 will be detoured to Sunset Boulevard between Vine and La Brea.

Due to the closure of Highland Avenue, beginning Sunday, March 24, at 10 a.m. MTA Line 156 will bypass Highland Avenue and instead use Vine, Franklin and Cahuenga. Detour notices will be posted on all stops affected.

The Metro Red Line subway station at Hollywood and Highland will be closed all day on Sunday March 24. Metro Red Line trains will continue to operate, bypassing the Hollywood/Highland station. There will be no public access permitted at the station. The station will be reopened Monday morning with regular service.

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