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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

<u>SIXTY-NINE METRO BUS LINES TO BE REROUTED</u> USE MTA'S METRO RAIL FOR VIEWING THE LA MARATHON

When thousands of LA Marathon race spectators converge along the racecourse for this year's 17th annual LA Marathon Sunday, March 3, MTA's Metro Rail system will be the best bet for viewing various locations as the runners make their way along the race route.

Individuals planning to attend the LA Marathon are encouraged to use the nearly 60 miles of Metro Rail now operating throughout Los Angeles County. People from Long Beach, El Segundo, Norwalk, the San Fernando Valley, Hollywood and downtown Los Angeles can now enjoy the convenience of rail travel and see all the highlights of this year's Marathon.

Patrons are asked to purchase round-trip tickets to avoid lines at the ticket vending machines. The cost of a regular round-trip ticket on the Metro Red Line is \$2.70. MTA passes will be honored. Proof of payment is required to ride the Metro Rail system. Passengers traveling between multiple Metro Rail Lines will need to purchase multiple round trip tickets or one-way tickets with a 25-cent transfer.

The 26-mile LA Marathon course runs throughout the Central City area and will also impact 69 Metro Bus Lines in the downtown Los Angeles, Mid-City, USC/Exposition Park, West Adams, Mid-Wilshire, Hancock Park and Koreatown areas

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Metro Bus Lines affected by the LA Marathon on Sunday, March 3, will include lines: 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 37, 38, 40, 42, 45, 48, 51, 52, 53, 55, 60, 65, 66, 68, 70, 71, 76, 78, 79, 81, 83, 84, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 102, 105, 200, 204, 206, 207, 210, 212, 217, 220, 305, 362, 401, 434, 439, 444, 445, 446, 447, 460, 483, 484, 485, 487, 550, 603, 720.

Service changes and detours for the Metro Bus system will occur between the hours of 4:40 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday March 3.

All Metro Rail lines will run as scheduled without interruption. This includes the Metro Red Line subway from downtown Los Angeles to Hollywood, Universal City and North Hollywood in the San Fernando Valley, 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 Third and Grand in downtown Los Angeles and finishes at 9th and Hope Street.

Those wishing to see the beginning of the race can use the MTA's Metro Rail service to travel to the Metro Red Line's Civic Center station at First and Hill streets and walk to 3rd and Grand. MTA's Metro Red Line's 7th Street/Metro Center/Julian Dixon station at 7th and Flower is within walking distance of the finish line at 9th and Hope.

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Viewing points along the racecourse are located within a short walking distance from the following Metro Rail stations:

METRO RED LINE

METRO BLUE LINE

Civic Center Station (Start) 7th Street/Metro Center (Finish) Wilshire/Western Station Pico Station Grand Station

Patrons traveling from Long Beach can ride 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 to notify passengers of the temporary service changes and detours.

For specific schedule and route information about how to see this year's LA Marathon, individuals are asked to call 1-800-C-O-M-M-U-T-E or visit MTA's web site at <u>www.mta.net</u>.

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