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## **Go Metro to the 2018 L.A. Marathon March 18**

The 2018 Annual Los Angeles Marathon will return this Sunday, March 18 and getting to the finish line – and home again – via Metro is again an easy ride on the Expo Line.

The Expo Line, operating between downtown Los Angeles and Santa Monica will once again offer spectators direct rail service to the marathon finish line in Santa Monica and Expo Line service will be increased to every nine minutes with three-car trains to accommodate what is expected to be significantly higher ridership than usual. For those planning to watch or participate in the race, Metro Rail will be a convenient way to reach the marathon and avoid bus detours and street closures prompted by the event.

Also for convenience, patrons heading to the race finish in Santa Monica on Metro bus lines 534, 720 and 733, during the Marathon temporary street closures, will be re-routed to the Expo Line 17th St/SMC Station where a temporary bus hub will be located just east of the station on Colorado Avenue. Patrons with TAP cards will be allowed to transfer at no additional charge to the westbound Expo Line. Upon arriving at Downtown Santa Monica Station, patrons will walk west to Ocean Avenue and then north to reach the race finish line.

If returning on the 534, 720 and 733 bus lines, transfers between the Expo Line and Metro buses will again be free to those using TAP cards. Connections to all Santa Monica Big Blue Bus lines will also be made at the bus hub.

Metro personnel will be available to assist customers at 7th St/Metro Center Station in downtown Los Angeles, Downtown Santa Monica Station and at the temporary bus hub in Santa Monica.

To make travel easier on Sunday, Metro riders are advised to buy reusable TAP cards in advance and load them with fare, since there could be crowds and lines at TAP vending machines. New riders will need to purchase a TAP card and load it with at least \$3.50 in stored value for a round-trip ride. The regular one-way adult fare is \$1.75 and includes two hours of free transfers on Metro buses and trains (Blue Line, Expo Line, Gold Line, Green Line, Red/Purple Line subway). And remember that every rider must have his/her own TAP card.

TAP cards are sold at all Metro Rail and Metro Orange Line stations, El Monte Bus Station, Harbor/Gateway Transit Center, at Metro Customer Centers and more than 400 outlets

across L.A. County, including Ralphs and many check cashing stores. For a list go to metro.net.

Due to street closures for the race, many Metro Bus routes will be detoured. Customers planning to travel via bus on Sunday should allow extra time for their commute. Listed here are Metro buses that will be impacted before and after the marathon: 2, 4, 10, 14, 16, 20, 28, 30, 33, 40, 45, 48, 55, 60, 68, 70, 71, 76, 78/79, 81, 83, 90/91, 92, 94, 96, 105, 180/181, 200, 201, 204, 206, 207, 210, 212, 217, 218, 222, 237/656, 487, 534, 602, 603, 704, 720, 733, 745, 754, Silver Line (910). For details on bus detours, check Metro's Service Advisories page on metro.net.

Regular bus service on some lines will be restored as the race progresses, but full service to all lines is not expected until approximately early evening on Sunday. For more information on routes and schedules call (323) GO-METRO or use the Metro Trip Planner.

#### About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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