



CTA to Provide Free Rides, Extra Service for New Year's Eve

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CTA also notifies customers that Illinois Medical District (IMD) Blue Line station construction work will require temporary closure of station entrance on Paulina; station's remaining two entrances will remain open

NOTE: All CTA bus and rail service will operate on a regular Saturday schedule on Saturday, December 31. A Sunday schedule will be in effect on Sunday, January 1 and on Monday, January 2, when the New Year is a nationally observed holiday.

The Chicago Transit Authority is a convenient and affordable transit option for traveling to events around Chicago this weekend, including New Year's Eve celebrations such as the fireworks display at Navy Pier, the Chi Town Rising countdown and celebration, as well as upcoming events at the United Center.

[Free rides](#) will be provided on CTA buses and trains beginning 10 p.m. Saturday, December 31 until 4 a.m. Sunday, January 1.

For customers traveling to and from events around Chicago this New Year's Eve outside the free ride period, the CTA recommends purchasing fares in advance, which will decrease travel times and avoid long lines at rail station vending machines. Customers can load ahead of time transit value or unlimited ride passes (1-day, 3-day, 7-day and 30-day) to their Ventra fare cards at rail stations, online or at nearly 1,300 local retailers (locations available at ventrachicago.com). Customers can also add value to their accounts by using the Ventra App, available for free download via www.ventrachicago.com, the App Store and Google Play.

Customers should allow extra travel time when traveling to these special events.

New Year's Eve Service

In anticipation of increased ridership due to New Year's Eve celebrations, CTA is providing extra rail and bus service across several rail lines and bus routes.

RAIL SERVICE

Red Line: Longer trains will operate until 3 a.m. In addition, trains will operate more frequently from approximately midnight to 3:30 a.m.

Blue Line: Longer trains will operate beginning at 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. In addition, trains will operate more frequently from midnight until 3 a.m.

Green Line: Longer trains will operate beginning at 6 p.m. until end of service from Harlem and from 7 p.m. until end of service from Ashland/63rd and Cottage Grove. The last Green Line trains will depart from the Loop toward Harlem at approximately 1:38 a.m., toward 63rd/Ashland at approximately 1:25 a.m. and toward 63rd/Cottage Grove at approximately 1:40 a.m.

Brown Line: Longer trains will operate beginning at 7p.m. until end of service. The last Brown Line train from the Loop will depart at approximately 2:32 a.m.

Orange Line: Longer trains will operate from 7 p.m. until end of service. The last Orange Line train from the Loop will depart at approximately 1:30 a.m.

Yellow Line: Service will be provided until approximately 2 a.m., from Howard.

Purple Line: Service will be provided until approximately 2 a.m., from Howard. Longer trains will operate from 7:30 p.m. until end of service.

BUS SERVICE

In anticipation of increased ridership, the following bus routes will provide more frequent service and/or extended hours:

[#4 Cottage Grove](#)

[#6 Jackson Park Express](#)

[#22 Clark](#)

[#29 State](#)

[#65 Grand](#)

[#66 Chicago](#)

[#124 Navy Pier](#)

[#151 Sheridan](#)

[#79 79th Street](#)

Reminder: free fares on New Year's Eve + how to get to DTLA's biggest NYE celebration

BY [LEXI HINTON](#), [DECEMBER 27, 2016](#)

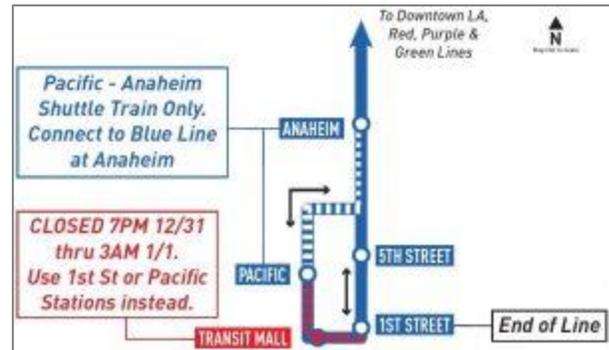
Los Angeles's freeways were gridlocked this past Thanksgiving, and if that wasn't scary enough, you can bet traffic will be just as awful on New Year's Eve.

The Auto Club of Southern California (AAA) recorded the highest number of turkey day travelers in nearly a decade—proving the last place you want to be for the holidays is behind the wheel of a car. With that in mind, [Metro is once again offering holiday free fares](#) to help party goers skip traffic and get home safely.

On New Year's Eve, Metro Rail and Bus, including the Orange and Silver Line, will run on regular Saturday schedule with overnight, 24-hour service. Specifically, no fare will be charged from 9 p.m. New Year's Eve (Dec. 31) until 2 a.m. Sunday morning New Year's Day (Jan. 1). The fare gates at all Metro Rail stations will be unlatched during this time. After 2 a.m., customers must TAP to ride.

Ring in the new year at [Grand Park + The Music Center's N.Y.E.L.A.](#)? You can bypass traffic and get there easily by taking the Metro Red Line or Purple Line to Civic Center/Grand Park Station, or grab a Metro Bike! From Christmas Eve through New Year's Day, walk-up users can bike for just \$1 per 30-minute ride. Check one out at any bike share station with your credit/debit card and enter the [promo code](#) to receive a discount. **If using Civic Center/Grand Park Station, use the 1st Street exit. The Temple Street exit will be reserved for families with strollers and customers with disabilities.** Be sure to present your TAP card at any Grand Park info booth to [receive a free glow stick!](#)

For those in the Long Beach area, please note Downtown Long Beach Station will be closed from 7 p.m. until 3 a.m. due to [New Year's Eve celebrations on Pine Avenue](#). The following Blue Line service changes will also be in effect: Trains will run every 15 minutes from 7 p.m. to close of service. The last complete northbound trips to downtown Los Angeles will depart Long Beach at approximately 5:40, 5:53, 6:08, 6:23 and 6:38 p.m. The last complete southbound trips to Long Beach leave downtown L.A. at approximately 4:58, 5:10, 5:22, 5:34 and 5:46 p.m.



Metro will operate on Sunday/Holiday schedule on New Year's Day with [extra game day service](#) for the L.A. Rams vs. Arizona Cardinals game. If you plan to attend the Lakers vs. Raptors game that evening, consider going Metro to Pico Station across from the Staples Center. As the first game of the year, expensive and limited parking is expected.

Finally, another friendly reminder that free fares are only in effect from 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve through 2 a.m. Anyone boarding a Metro train or bus after 2 a.m. will need to TAP to ride. Regular fare is \$1.75 one-way and includes up to two hours of free transfers. Day pass holders should note that passes are valid until 3 a.m. the following day of purchase. See our holiday fares page for more information.

Thank you to everyone for your support this year! We hope you all have a safe and happy New Year. See you in 2017!



Serving the Minneapolis/St. Paul Area

New Year. Free Rides.

Celebrate New Year's Eve responsibly and get a free ride!

On Dec. 31, customers can ride free from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. on all Metro Transit routes – buses, METRO lines and Northstar.

No fare, no coupons – simply hop on and take a seat for free.

Whether you'll be out celebrating or you're not interested in driving alongside those who are, riding Metro Transit is an easy, safe alternative.

Free rides will also be available on Minnesota Valley Transit Authority and Anoka Transit routes.

Miller Lite Free Rides is a community service program in partnership with Metro Transit and Miller Lite.

[Get more details and a list of late-night routes here!](#)





TriMet offers free rides on New Year's Eve

December 29, 2016 by Mary Fetsch

Celebrate safely with TriMet with extended MAX service



Celebrate the New Year safely with TriMet. On Sat., Dec. 31, all MAX and bus service will be **free** after 8 p.m., and MAX service will be extended until around 3 a.m. Rides on Portland Streetcar will also be free.

MAX Blue, Green, Orange, Red and Yellow line trains will run on Saturday schedules with extended late-night service running approximately every 30 minutes until about 3 a.m. Late-night service on the MAX Red Line will be provided by a shuttle bus between the Portland International Airport and Gateway Transit Center. Riders heading to the airport can take a Blue or Green line train to Gateway TC and transfer to the shuttle bus. Find out about TriMet's [New Year's services](#) and [plan](#) your trip on our website, then just hop on board!

Celebrate safely and responsibly

- Be alert and pay attention around buses and trains.
- While celebrating, be respectful of our operators, vehicles and other riders.
- Be aware of your surroundings. If you see something suspicious, say something to a TriMet employee, a police or security officer, or call 9-1-1.

Monday, Jan. 2 service

In observance of the New Year holiday on Monday, Jan. 2, all MAX and bus service will run on Sunday schedules. WES Commuter Rail will not be in service. Our 503-238-RIDE (7344) Customer Service call center and the TriMet Ticket Office at Pioneer Courthouse Square will be closed. The Online Trip Planner and TransitTracker will reflect the holiday schedules.



Ride Muni Free, extra service on New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31, 2016, 8:00 pm — Sunday, January 1, 2017, 5:00 am

Updated Dec. 22.

For the 17th consecutive year, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will offer free rides on New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, through 5 a.m. on Sunday, January 1.

Please do not tag your Clipper® card during the free service period. If you tag it, your card will be charged.

Do not activate a MuniMobile ticket during the free service period; you have no need to do so.

At midnight, there will be a city-sponsored fireworks show from a barge off of The Embarcadero, south of the Ferry Building. Motorists should anticipate delays in the area from approximately 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. No closures or reroutes are planned. The SFPD and SFMTA will monitor for any necessary reroutes.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MUNI SERVICE

- **Complimentary Muni** service 8 pm, Dec. 31, to 5 am, Jan. 1
- **Please do not tag your Clipper® card** during the complimentary service
- **Please do not activate a MuniMobile ticket**
- **Muni Metro service** all night
 - between West Portal and Embarcadero stations until 5 am
 - between West Portal and 4th and King streets until 2:15 am
- Service on the **F Market** historic streetcar line is provided by buses after approximately 9 pm
- Service on the **Cable Cars** is provided by buses after approximately 6 pm
- **Extra Owl service** (1 a.m. to 5 a.m.):
 - 5 Fulton
 - 14 Mission
 - 22 Fillmore
 - 24 Divisadero
 - 25 Treasure Island
 - 38 Geary
 - 44 O'Shaughnessy

- 48 Quintara-24th
- 90 and 91 Owl
- L Owl and N Owl
- Reroutes are **not scheduled**. The following routes will reroute **only if needed**:
 - Downtown: 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 14, 14-Owl, 21, 31, 38, L-Owl, N-Owl, F, all cable cars
 - North Beach: 8, 10, 12
 - Cow Hollow: 45
 - Castro: 24, 35
- Late night transit services will also be available from our regional transit partners: [AC Transit](#), [BART](#) and [SamTrans](#)

BART

The following information is being provided as a courtesy and is subject to change. Please check the [BART](#) website for current information.

BART will run a normal weekday evening service schedule which will extend until 3 am. Trains will run every 20 minutes after midnight with extra trains standing by in downtown San Francisco after the fireworks show.

Station “Skip-Stop” Plan beginning at 8 pm:

- Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond lines will stop at Montgomery Station both arriving and departing SF; trains skip Embarcadero Station
- Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont trains will stop at Embarcadero Station both arriving and departing SF; trains skip Montgomery Station
- Post event, the first East Bay stop for Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont trains will be at Lake Merritt Station; trains skip West Oakland
- Millbrae and Daly City trains will make all stops in SF, but customers will board/alight at Montgomery Station after the fireworks

Last trains from Embarcadero: To Dublin/Pleasanton at 3:16 am.

Last trains from Montgomery: To Pittsburg/Baypoint at 3:24 am.; To Millbrae at 3:32 am.; To SF Airport at 4:04 am.

CALTRAIN

The following information is being provided as a courtesy and is subject to change. Please check the [Caltrain](#) website for current information.

Caltrain will operate on a weekday schedule and add four extra trains. Southbound trains leave at 12:45 am, 1:15 am, 1:45 am and 2:15 am or when full. Caltrain service will be free after 8 pm. on New Year’s Eve and continue until 5 am.

AC TRANSIT

The following information is being provided as a courtesy and is subject to change. Please check the [AC Transit](#) website for current information.

Bus line 800 will begin service at 24th/Mission, and proceed to the East Bay as follows:

- The 800 line to Richmond will leave 24th St/Mission every 20 minutes from 12:31 am until 2:51 am, and then every 30 minutes until 6:51 am.

SAMTRANS

The following information is being provided as a courtesy and is subject to change. Please check the [SamTrans](#) website for current information.

The 397 will leave Transbay Terminal every hour from 1:06 am until 4:06 am.



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Free New Year's Eve Service



Promotions

Dec 31, 2015 5 p.m. to Jan 1, 2016 5 a.m.

Details

Free service starts at 5 p.m. December 31, 2015 and goes until 5 a.m. January 1, 2016.

- **Bus** service will run usual weekday schedules with some routes running additional evening/late-night trips after their normal schedules. Use the **Trip Planner** to check your route and bus times, or read the New Year's Eve Schedules below.
- **SkyTrain** will operate more frequent evening trains and will extend service by approximately one hour:
 - The Last **Millennium Line** train to VCC-CLark will Depart Waterfront at 1:35 a.m. Customers can also take the last Expo Line train to Commercial-Broadway to transfer to the last Millennium Line train departing at 2:36 a.m. to Lougheed only.
 - The last **Expo Line** train to King George will Depart Waterfront at 2:20 a.m.
 - The final **Canada Line** train Departss Waterfront at 2:05 a.m. towards YVR-Airport and 2:15 a.m. towards Richmond-Brighouse
- **SeaBus** will extend service by about one hour with the last sailing departing from Lonsdale Quay at 2:02 a.m. and departing from Waterfront at 2:22 a.m.
- **West Coast Express** afternoon trains depart from Waterfront at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. All TrainBus trips will depart at their regular times with the exception of the 12:55 p.m. TrainBus.

Visit the [Holiday Service](#) page for more details, such as special New Year's Eve bus schedules.