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CTA to Provide Additional Service for 2015 Chicago Pride Parade
Customers are encouraged to purchase fares in advance, consider alternative routes and allow extra travel time

The Chicago Transit Authority will provide additional bus and rail service for those attending the 2015 Chicago Pride Parade, which will begin at noon on Sunday, June 28.

The CTA strongly recommends that customers purchase fares in advance to 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 farecards at rail stations, online or at nearly 1,300 local retailers (locations available at ventrachicago.com). Other ways to pay fares including purchase from CTA vending machines 1-day unlimited ride tickets (\$10) or single-ride tickets (\$3) that include up to two transfers in two hours. Customers can also pay their fares with their personal contactless debit or credit cards.

The parade will step off at Montrose/Broadway and wind its way south via Broadway, Halsted, Belmont, Broadway, Diversey and disband on the west half of Cannon Drive to Fullerton Parkway. In addition, during the parade, reroutes along nine bus routes and several road closures will be in effect.

To avoid crowded areas like Belmont, attendees are advised to consider viewing the parade from areas like Broadway, south of Montrose—a short walk from the Wilson and Sheridan stations on the Red Line. The Diversey and Wellington stations on the Brown Line also offer convenient access to view the parade. For more information, tips and a map and information, visit: transitchicago.com/prideparade.

NOTE: In anticipation of heavier-than-normal crowds on Sunday, June 28, the CTA will require that all strollers and carts be folded prior to boarding buses and trains. Bicycles will also not be allowed on 'L' trains. (Bicycles will, however, continue to be allowed on all buses, at all times, using the racks on the front of the bus.)

RAIL SERVICE



Map showing route of Chicago Pride Parade. Legend includes CTA 'L' station, Transfer point, Accessible station, Parade route & direction, Designated parade crossing, and CTA logo.

Additional rail service will be provided to accommodate the anticipated increase in customers traveling by train. Following the parade, customers are encouraged to consider making their return trips from stations other than Belmont.

- **Red Line:** From 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., trains will operate with increased frequency.
- **Brown Line:** Longer trains will operate from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service will also be provided more frequently from approximately 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- **Blue Line:** Longer trains will operate from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- **Orange Line:** Longer trains will operate from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

### **BUS SERVICE**

Additional bus service will be provided on several routes to accommodate the anticipated increase in customers traveling to the Pride Parade by bus from approximately 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The following bus routes will provide increased service: #72 North Avenue, #74 Fullerton, #77 Belmont and #78 Montrose.

### **BUS REROUTES**

**From 8 a.m. until approximately 6:30 p.m.,** the following nine bus routes will be detoured as a result of several street closures: #8 Halsted, #22 Clark, #36 Broadway, #76 Diversey, #77 Belmont, #78 Montrose, #80 Irving Park, #151 Sheridan and #152 Addison.

#### **#8 Halsted**

There will be no service on Halsted north of Fullerton. From Fullerton/Halsted, southbound #8 buses will operate via Fullerton, Sheffield and Webster then resume the normal route on Halsted.

#### **#22 Clark**

Southbound #22 Clark buses will travel the regular route along Clark to Addison then will operate via Addison, Southport, Lincoln, Armitage to Clark and resume the regular route. Northbound #22 buses will travel the reverse route.

#### **#36 Broadway**

Southbound #36 Broadway buses will be detoured from Broadway at Lawrence and travel via Lawrence, Clark, Addison, Southport, Lincoln, Armitage to Clark and then resume the regular route. Northbound #36 buses will travel the reverse route.

#### **#76 Diversey**

There will be no service on Diversey east of Halsted. Eastbound #76 will travel the regular route until Diversey/Sheffield then travel via Wellington to Halsted and back south to Diversey. From Halsted/Diversey, westbound #76 buses will continue west on Diversey over the regular route.

#### **#77 Belmont**

There will be no service on Belmont east of Racine. Eastbound #77 will travel the regular route to Belmont/Southport then be detoured south via Southport to Wellington, east on Wellington to Racine and north on Racine to Belmont. Westbound #77 will operate west on Belmont over regular route.

#### **#78 Montrose**

Eastbound #78 Montrose buses will operate via Wilson, Marine, Lawrence to Lawrence/Marine before beginning westbound service. From Lawrence/Marine, westbound #78 buses will travel via Lawrence, Broadway to Wilson and then resume the regular route.

**#80 Irving Park**

There will be no service on Irving Park east of Clark. From Clark/Belle Plaine, westbound #80 buses will operate via Clark, Southport to Irving Park and then resume the regular route along Southport.

**#151 Sheridan**

Southbound #151 Sheridan buses will travel over the regular route along Sheridan to Wilson and then will operate via Wilson, Marine, Inner Lake Shore Drive, Belmont, Outer Lake Shore Drive, Fullerton to Stockton and then resume the regular route southbound. Northbound #151 buses will travel the reverse route.

**#151 Sheridan (Shortliner to Belmont//Halsted Only)**

Northbound #151 will operate over the regular route along Stockton to Fullerton and then will travel via Fullerton, Outer Lake Shore Drive, Belmont, Sheridan, Inner Lake Shore Drive, West Sheridan, Pine Grove, Irving Park, Inner Lake Shore Drive to Addison before beginning southbound service.

From Inner Lake Shore Drive/Addison, southbound #151 buses will continue south on Inner Lake Shore Drive to Belmont then will operate via Outer Lake Shore Drive, Fullerton to Stockton and resume the regular route.

**#152 Addison**

There will be no service on Addison east of Clark. From Clark/Belle Plaine, westbound #152 buses will travel via Clark, Southport, Irving Park, Clark to Addison and then resume the regular route.

**ROAD CLOSURES**

Broadway between Montrose and Irving Park, Halsted between Sheridan and Belmont, Belmont between Clark and Broadway, Broadway between Belmont and Diversey and Diversey between Clark and Cannon Drive will be closed to all vehicular traffic due to the parade.

**PLAN AHEAD**

Plan your trip using the Google Transit Trip Planner. Be sure to also check out CTA on Facebook or Twitter (@CTA) for timely system travel updates and alerts.

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