

METRO Media Advisory

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What

METRO July 4 service plan

METRO will run all available trains to service event goers attending July 4th celebrations along the line.

System capacity will be maximized. Passengers should expect crowds on board the trains, at METRO park-and-rides and potential delays. METRO requests that passengers be patient and plan ahead. Post-event, expect to wait in a queue line.

One line that can be completely avoided this holiday is the line at the fare vending machine with the advance purchase of the July 4th pass. Purchase this special transit pass by visiting Central Station or the Tempe Transportation Center through July 3.

Service schedule

July 3 weekend is the start of METRO's service extension on Friday nights/Saturday mornings and Saturday nights/Sunday mornings. July 3, 4 and ongoing on weekends, METRO will provide service until past 2 a.m.

Although Saturday, July 4, is a holiday, METRO will run normal Saturday service. Additional trains will be utilized to support event traffic.

A detailed service schedule can be viewed at http://www.valleymetro.org/images/uploads/lightrail_publications/METRO_Rail_Schedule_07_09.pdf.

Phoenix event goers

METRO is a convenient way to attend the Fabulous Phoenix 4th taking place at Steele Indian School Park.

For arrival, eastbound passengers coming from the North or West Valley should de-board at the Campbell/Central Ave. light rail station. Westbound passengers coming from the South or East Valley should de-board at the Indian School/Central Ave. light rail station. Both stations are even walks to the park's Central Ave. entrance at Glenrosa.

For departure, return to the station from which you arrived. If heading back eastbound, use the Indian School/Central Ave. station. If heading westbound, use the Campbell/Central Ave. station. Splitting passenger traffic between the two stations will keep shorter lines in each station's queue.

For more on this event, visit <http://phoenix.gov/parks/jlymain.html>.

Tempe event goers

METRO is a convenient way to attend the July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival at Tempe Beach Park.

All passengers should plan to arrive and depart from the Mill Ave./3rd St. light rail station.

For departure, the queue line will be located on Mill Ave., north of 3rd St. Staff will assist passengers to the east or westbound platform.

For more on this event, visit <http://www.tempe4th.com/index.asp>.

Parking

METRO park-and-ride lots are free to use on a first-come, first-serve basis:

- Montebello/19th Ave.
- 19th Ave./Camelback
- Central Ave./Camelback
- 38th St./Washington
- Dorsey Ln./Apache Blvd.
- McClintock Dr./Apache Blvd.
- Price 101 Freeway/Apache Blvd.
- Sycamore/Main St.

If any of the lots become full, please try the next closest park-and-ride. For example, if the park-and-ride at Sycamore/Main St. reaches capacity, try the Price 101 Freeway/Apache Blvd. park-and-ride – it typically has greater availability.

METRO and its city partners have identified overflow parking opportunities along the line for this date only:

- Park Central Mall – Earll Dr., west of Central Ave.; designated “retail only parking” spaces
- 38th St./Washington – east of 38th St. and the METRO park-and-ride; Gateway Community College parking lot
- Dorsey Ln./Apache Blvd. – north of Apache Blvd., west of Dorsey Ln.; behind retail building
- Price 101 Freeway/Apache Blvd. – southeast corner of the METRO park-and-ride; accessible using the same entrance
- Safeway – north of Main St., west of Sycamore and the METRO park-and-ride
- East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) – south of Main St., east of Sycamore; use entrance off of Longmore

Notes

Event goers should purchase an all-day pass for roundtrip service. An all-day pass costs the same as two one-ride passes and only requires one visit to the fare vending machine. Platinum Pass/U-Pass users, validate before each ride.