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Take MTA New York City Transit to the ING NYC Marathon

There's a winning combination that will help get you to the starting line of the ING New York City Marathon. It's the MetroCard and MTA New York City Transit's subways and buses. Put them together and you're already steps closer to the start of the iconic 26.2-mile run.

On Sunday, November 4th, tens of thousands of runners competing in the ING Marathon will step off from Staten Island, cross the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and pound through the other four boroughs before finishing in Central Park. But while a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, for most contestants, the marathon will begin with a subway or bus ride, provided by NYC Transit.

Participants traveling down the west side of Manhattan to reach the Staten Island ferry are urged to transfer to the N (before 5:30 a.m.) and R line from 1, 2 and 3 trains at Times Square. N (before 5:30 a.m.) and R trains stop at Whitehall Street-South Ferry. Runners traveling downtown on the east side of Manhattan can use 4 and 5 service to the Bowling Green station – just steps away from the ferry.

Due to weekend construction work, 1 train service will be replaced with shuttle buses (Marathon expresses) between Chambers Street and South Ferry. NYC Transit will operate ten to 12 additional buses between 5:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. After 7 a.m., 15 shuttle buses will be in service. Customers can expect departures every five minutes.

And, don't forget, MetroCard and a MetroCard Challenge Marathon subway map are all you need to race around town during the ING New York City Marathon if you want to catch the race from different vantage points. From the far reaches of Brooklyn, spectators can cheer on their favorite runner at Mile 5 by taking the D N R to 43rd Street/4th Avenue station; or Mile 15 in Queens by taking the N 7 to Queensboro Plaza and walking to Crescent Street/Queens Plaza South; or to Mile 21 up in the Bronx by taking the 45 to 138th St/Grand Concourse and walking to the West End of the Madison Avenue Bridge, marathon enthusiasts and everyday New Yorkers will have access to the best viewing locations throughout the city with just a swipe of a MetroCard. The MetroCard Challenge Subway Map can be found at www.mta.info.

In addition to following their favorite runner along the race route, marathon fans can use MetroCard to get to the many pre- and post-race events happening around town, including the ING New York City Marathon Health and Fitness Expo at the Jacob Javits Convention Center (Nov. 1-3).

"Subway and bus riders can use MetroCard to easily get around the race route and reach all event-related activities," explained Howard H. Roberts, Jr., President of MTA NYC Transit. "We encourage riders and participants to not only use our transit system, but also take advantage of the many resources available through MTA New York City Transit."

These resources include Trip Planner, our online service at www.mta.info and new mobile service Trip Planner On the Go! <http://tripplanner.mta.info/mobile> for customized bus and subway travel information, schedules, service advisories and more. MetroCard Deals, which offer discounts at select restaurants, museums and other great places, is another great resource for riders. Riders without access to a computer device may, however, call our Travel Information Center at 718-330-1234, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily to arrange their trips.

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