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Let MTA New York City Transit take you to the 2010 ING NYC Marathon

On Sunday, November 7, tens of thousands of runners competing in the 2010 ING NYC Marathon will step off from Staten Island, cross the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and pound through the other four boroughs before finishing in Central Park. Whether you're watching or running, a great race day is only a MetroCard swipe away. MTA New York City Transit's subways and buses and your MetroCard will get you to the event from all parts of the city. For most contestants, the marathon will begin with a subway or bus ride, provided by NYC Transit.

Due to weekend Port Authority construction work, No. 1 train service will be replaced with free shuttle buses between Chambers Street and South Ferry. However, NYC Transit will operate additional buses to meet every train during the early morning hours when runners are headed to Staten Island.

Participants traveling down the west side of Manhattan to reach the Staten Island Ferry have three options:

1. Take the No. 2 train to Wall Street (5 minute walk to South Ferry)
2. Take the No. 1 train to Chambers Street and transfer to a free shuttle bus to the Ferry.
3. Take the R train to Whitehall Street. (Prior to 5:45 a.m., take the N train making all R train stops.)

Runners traveling downtown on the east side of Manhattan can use Nos. 4 or 5 train service to the Bowling Green station – just steps away from the Ferry.

A MetroCard and a customized 2010 NYC Marathon subway map are all you need to race around town during the Marathon if you want to catch the action from different vantage points.

From the far reaches of Brooklyn, spectators can cheer on their favorite runner at Mile 5 at 43rd Street/4th Avenue by taking the R to the 45th Street station; or at Mile 15 in Queens by taking the N or 7 to Queensboro Plaza and walking to Crescent Street/Queens Plaza South; or to Mile 21 up in the Bronx by taking the Nos. 4 or 5 to 138th St/Grand Concourse and walking to the West End of the Madison Avenue Bridge.

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. 4-6).

"Subway and bus riders can use MetroCard to easily get around the race route and reach all event-related activities," explained Thomas F. Prendergast, President of MTA NYC Transit. "We encourage viewers and participants to not only use mass transit, but also take advantage of the many resources available at the MTA web site."

These resources include:

- Our new On the Go iPhone/iPad app at <http://onthego.mta.info>
- A link to the 2010 NYC Marathon subway map (http://www.mta.info/nyct/maps/index_101026.html.)
- An Event Page at the Special Events Section of our Planned Service Changes web page: <http://tripplanner.mta.info/newtp/serviceadvisories/serviceadvisoryall.aspx>

As in the past, Transit's bus road operations team, our Operations Planning Division and the New York Road Runners are communicating about street closures and subway diversions that may impact bus routes and subway service. Riders without access to the internet may call our Travel Information Center at 718-330-1234, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, for travel assistance.