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Cyclists: Ride with the MTA to the TD Five Boro Bike Tour

This Sunday, May 4, New York City will host the TD Five Boro Bike Tour, attracting more than 30,000 cyclists from around the region and beyond. The MTA is the best way to get to the ride safely and on time.

The New York City Subway, Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad all allow bicycles year-round. But special accommodations are made for this tour once a year. Street closures will mean some changes for buses and motorists. Tips and details are below.

Verrazano-Narrows Bridge

The Staten Island-bound lower level of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge will be closed from 12:01 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday, May 4. The upper level of the bridge will remain open in both directions throughout the event.

Motorists should expect delays and allow extra travel time. To hear information about all the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge bike tour closures, call 212-360-3000.

New York City Subway

To take your bike onto the subway, swipe your MetroCard while the station agent watches, rotate the turnstile, and then enter through the station service gates once they are activated by the agent. For safety's sake, please carry, do not roll, bikes down stairs.

At the start or finish of the tour, customers with bicycles who wish to use the subway should use the following subway stations: Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall (4 5 6), Bowling Green (4 5) (Bowling Green Park entrance only), Chambers St (1 2 3), Chambers St J, Chambers St A C, World Trade Center (E).

Riders are asked not use the following stations as they are not well-equipped to handle large volumes of bicycles: South Ferry (1), Rector St (1), Fulton St (2 3 4 5 A C), Wall St (2 3), Park Place (2 3), Bowling Green (4 5) (southbound), Wall St (4 5), and Fulton St (J).

Please be aware of the following subway service changes in the midtown and downtown area this weekend: (2) trains terminate at Franklin Av in Brooklyn. (3) trains are suspended. (4) trains terminate at Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr. (7) trains are not running between Manhattan and Queens (Use (E) F N Q R trains for service between Manhattan and Queens. The 42 Street S Shuttle operates overnight). (R) trains are rerouted over the Manhattan Bridge. (N R) trains are suspended between Court St in Brooklyn and Whitehall St in Manhattan. No (N) or (R) trains in either direction at Jay Street-MetroTech, Court St, Whitehall St, Rector St, Cortlandt St and City Hall. Customers travelling from the southern parts of Brooklyn on (N Q) and (R) trains, are advised to transfer at Atlantic Av-Barclays Center to Manhattan-bound (2 4 5) trains to continue their trip.

New York City Buses

Bus routes will operate with detours and diversion because of street closures. Please log on to www.mta.info and check the "Current Service Status" for updates. Bus service changes are also reflected in MTA Bus Time, the MTA's real-time bus tracking service, at bustime.mta.info.

Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad

The LIRR and Metro-North will offer plenty of service to get you to the start of the tour in time, and many stations offer free and unrestricted parking on Sundays.

Both railroads will allow bicyclists to board trains without a bicycle permit on Sunday, May 4, or on Saturday, May 3, the day of the Bike Expo New York at Pier 36 in Lower Manhattan, and the usual restriction on the number of bicycles permitted on a train will be suspended. Both railroads recommend that cyclists use a bungee cord to secure their bike while riding on the train.

To find free and unrestricted parking at your station of origin, make sure to read signs carefully at the station.

Tour participants should plan to arrive in time to ride or take the subway to Battery Park for the start of the tour. The distance from Grand Central, Penn Station or Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, to Battery Park is 3 to 3.5 miles.

Traveling from Grand Central to Tour Start

By bike: To reach the start of the tour, cyclists should ride south on Park Avenue to 17th Street where Park Avenue South merges with Broadway, then follow Broadway south to Battery Park.

By subway: Cyclists should catch the southbound 4 5 or 6 to Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall.

Traveling from Penn Station to Tour Start

By bike: The distance from Penn Station to Battery Park is about 3.5 miles. To reach the start of the tour, cyclists should start by riding south on Seventh Avenue. Make a right onto 29th Street, and ride five blocks to the Hudson River Greenway. Then make a left onto the Greenway and ride it to the start of the tour at Battery Park.

By subway: Cyclists should catch the E to World Trade Center or the 1 or 2 to Chambers St.

Traveling from Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, to Tour Start

By bike: The distance from Atlantic Terminal to the start of the tour is about 3 miles. Cyclists should start by heading northbound on Atlantic Avenue for one block. At Lafayette Avenue, make a left onto Schermerhorn Street. Proceed straight for five blocks, and make a right onto Boerum Place / Adams Street / Brooklyn Bridge Boulevard. Ride over the Brooklyn Bridge. When you arrive in Manhattan, follow directions to the start of the race.

By subway: Cyclists should catch the Manhattan-bound 2 to Chambers St or the 4 to Bowling Green.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels

Other closings at the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge will include:

- Brooklyn-bound lower level of the bridge from 12:01 a.m. until 8 a.m. After 8 a.m. two of three lanes will be open.
- The Bay Street exit from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- BQE approach (I-278 West) to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- The 92nd Street entrance ramp to the westbound lower level of the bridge from approximately 12:01 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hugh L. Carey Tunnel (Formerly Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel)

In addition, traffic exiting the Hugh L. Carey (formerly Brooklyn-Battery) Tunnel in Brooklyn will be diverted to Hamilton Avenue between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Robert F. Kennedy Bridge

The ramp to the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge from the FDR Drive will be closed between 8 a.m. and noon. All Manhattan-bound traffic must exit at 125th Street.