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CTA to Offer Additional Service for Blackhawks Stanley Cup Celebration Parade and Rally

Rail service is best option for Loop-bound commuters; multiple bus routes will be affected at various times beginning early morning through midday Thursday

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) will offer additional train and bus service in conjunction with the City of Chicago's celebration of the Blackhawks' 2015 Stanley Cup victory beginning Thursday morning, June 18.

The parade steps off at 10 a.m. on Monroe Street at Jefferson Street, and continues to Michigan Avenue. The celebration then continues at Soldier Field where a free rally will be held (ticket required for entry).

Customers traveling into the Loop on Thursday are advised to allow plenty of travel time due to street closures, traffic congestion and reroutes. CTA's Red and Blue subway lines and Brown, Purple, Green, Pink and Orange elevated lines are the best option for Blackhawks fans heading downtown for the parade and rally.

Additional service will be provided on rail lines following the morning rush period through midday.

Multiple CTA bus routes will be detoured in the downtown area as a result of street closures for the set-up, take-down and duration of the parade and rally.

To decrease travel times and avoid long lines at rail station vending machines, the CTA recommends that customers 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 more than 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 hour. Customers can also pay their fares with their personal contactless debit or credit cards.

NOTE: Please fold strollers and carts; they must be folded before boarding buses and trains on Thursday, June 18.

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.)

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More info

See official info from the City of Chicago for information on the parade and rally, policies and restrictions, access to facilities and more:

http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/press_room/press_releases/2015/june/mayor-emanuel-announces-blackhawks-parade-and-rally-details-to-c.html

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