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CTA to Provide Additional Service for Taste of Chicago, Crosstown Classic and Gold Cup Finals

CTA encourages customers to plan ahead

The Chicago Transit Authority is a convenient and affordable transit option for those traveling to events downtown this week, including the **2015 Taste of Chicago** at Grant Park, the **Cubs-Sox Crosstown Classic** at Wrigley Field and the **CONCACAF Gold Cup Finals** at Soldier Field.

The CTA strongly recommends that customers purchase fares in advance to decrease travel times and avoid long lines at rail station vending machines. Customers can 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 nearly 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 hours. Customers can also pay their fares with their personal contactless debit or credit cards.

Customers should allow extra travel time when heading to/from the following events:

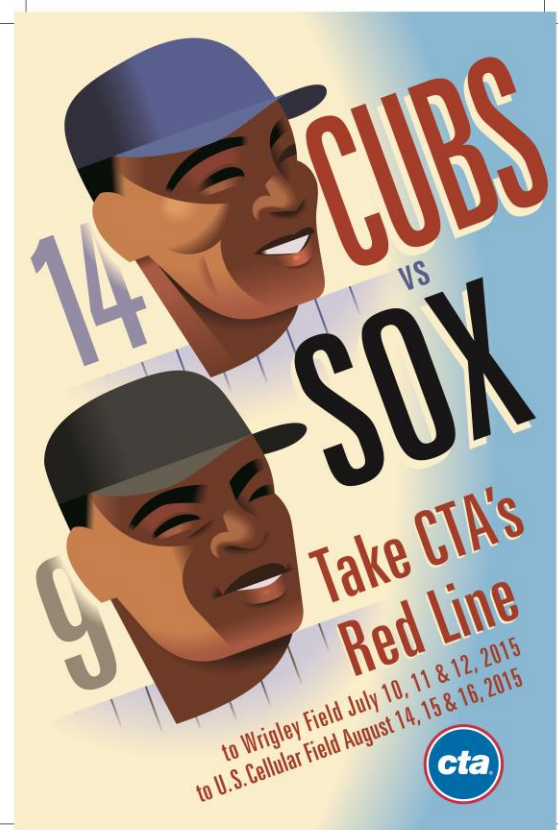
2015 Taste of Chicago

To accommodate additional ridership for the 2015 Taste of Chicago at Grant Park, the CTA will provide additional bus and rail service from Wednesday, July 8 to Sunday, July 12, 2015.

The following routes will provide extra bus service from approximately 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. July 8 – 12, 2015:

#3 King Drive, #4 Cottage Grove, #6 Jackson Park Express, #J14 Jeffery Jump, #29 State, #146 Inner Drive/Michigan Express and #151 Sheridan. Weekend additional service along these bus routes will begin at approximately 10 a.m.

**Additional rail service:
Red Line**



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Wednesday – Friday: Longer trains will operate until 12 a.m. In addition, trains will operate with increased frequency from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Longer trains will operate until 12 a.m. Trains will operate with increased frequency from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Blue Line

Wednesday – Friday: Longer trains will operate until 12 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Longer trains will operate from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Brown Line

Wednesday – Friday: Longer trains will operate from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Longer trains will operate from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Orange Line

Wednesday – Friday: Longer trains will operate from 10 a.m. until approximately 11p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Longer trains will operate from 9 a.m. until 12 a.m.

Green Line

Wednesday – Friday: Longer trains will operate from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Yellow Line

Service on the Yellow Line continues to be suspended. Yellow Line customers can board free shuttle buses at Yellow Line stations (Dempster-Skokie, Oakton-Skokie and Howard) to travel between Dempster and Howard. From Wednesday until Sunday, Yellow Line shuttle buses will operate until 12 a.m. from Howard.

Cubs-Sox Crosstown Classic

Extra bus service will be provided on the #80 Irving Park and the #152 Addison for the Cubs-Sox Crosstown Classic at Wrigley Field from July 10-12, 2015. On Friday only, northbound Red Line trains will operate with increased frequency from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In addition, CTA volunteers will distribute the attached Cubs vs. Sox flier at the Addison Red Line station 90 minutes prior to the first pitch of each game from July 10-12, while supplies last.

CONCACAF Gold Cup Finals

To accommodate additional ridership for the Gold Cup Finals at Soldier Field, extra bus service will be provided Thursday, July 9 on the following routes: #130 Museum Campus and #146 Inner Drive/Michigan Express. The extra service will operate from approximately 4:30 p.m. until one hour after the final game ends.

Bus Reroutes

From approximately 7 a.m. Thursday, July 2 until 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, six CTA bus routes will be detoured due to the closure of Columbus Drive between Roosevelt and Monroe; Monroe Drive between Michigan and Lake Shore Drive; Jackson Drive between Michigan and Lake Shore Drive; and Congress Parkway between Michigan and Columbus in preparation for the Taste of Chicago.

Buses operating along the following routes will be rerouted to adjacent streets to maintain service: #2 Hyde Park Express, #6 Jackson Park Express, #10 Museum of Science and Industry, #J14 Jeffery Express, #26 South Shore Express and #28 Stony Island.

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#2 Hyde Park Express/#10 Museum of Science and Industry

Southbound #2 and #10 buses will travel over their regular routes to Balbo/Michigan then right on Michigan to Roosevelt, left on Roosevelt, and right on Columbus to continue regular route. Northbound #2 and #10 buses will travel the reverse route.

#2 Hyde Park Express/#6 Jackson Park Express/#10 Museum of Science and Industry

Northbound #6 buses will operate over the regular route to Columbus/Roosevelt then left on Roosevelt to Michigan, right on Michigan to Balbo to continue regular route. Southbound #2, #6 and #10 buses will travel the reverse route.

#J14 Jeffery Jump/#26 South Shore Express/ #28 Stony Island

Northbound #J14, #26 and #28 buses will travel over the regular route to Columbus/Roosevelt and then turn left on Roosevelt to Michigan, then North on Michigan to Balbo to continue regular route. Southbound #J14, #26 and #28 buses will travel the reverse route.

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