



MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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Catch a free ride via MTA buses after 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve *Extended service part of Miller Lite Free Rides New Year's promotion*

NASHVILLE – Beginning at 9 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2015, free bus rides will be available on all MTA bus routes, and service will be extended until 2:30 a.m. Friday, January 1, 2016, on 14 bus routes as part of a special Miller Lite Free Rides New Year's promotion. MillerCoors is underwriting this service. They have activated **1-800-FREE-RIDES (1-800-373-3743)**, a toll-free number that directs calls to the MTA Customer Care Call Center. Customers also may get more information by texting FREERIDES to 90464 or going online to nashvillemta.org.

Regular fares will be in effect on any trips prior to 9 p.m., and MTA buses will pick up passengers at all MTA bus stops. Fare is \$1.70 for adults; \$1 for youth age 19 and younger; and 85 cents for seniors and persons with disabilities. Children age 4 and younger may ride for no charge. Passengers may purchase tickets at Music City Central, the downtown transfer station located at 400 Charlotte Avenue, in advance, or on the bus with cash and/or change. Exact change is not required; however, any change due back to the rider will be returned in the form of a change card and is valid only on buses. A full schedule of fares can be found at <http://nashvillemta.org/Nashville-MTA-bus-fares.asp>.

Nashville MTA buses will operate regular weekday schedules until midnight, when 14 corridor and neighborhood routes will offer extended hours of service until 2:30 a.m. All buses will be operating on detours Downtown, but will travel their regular routes once out of the downtown area.

During this time, buses on routes that travel multiple loops will operate as follows: 4 Shelby (from downtown via Porter; to downtown via Rosebank); 12 Nolensville Pike (all loops); 18 Airport/Downtown Hotels (local service on Elm Hill Pike via Airport Marriott); 22 Bordeaux (from downtown via Cliff Drive to Bordeaux Long-Term Care then to Young's Lane-Kings Lane); and 23 Dickerson Road (from downtown via Parkwood; to downtown via Chesapeake).

In addition, Free Rides are taking place on the Music City Star beginning at 6:40 p.m. Advance reservations were required since only 650 round-trip tickets were available, and the train is sold out.

Another option for customers traveling downtown to ring in 2016 is to park their cars and ride an MTA bus from an area Park & Ride. Locations available include:

- Hickory Hollow (at Global Mall at The Crossings), *served by routes 15 & 55*;
- Hillwood (at Nashville West), *served by routes 10 & 50* ;
- Dollar General (at Hickory Plaza), *served by route 12*;
- Kmart (on Gallatin Pike between Walton Lane and Briley Parkway), *served by routes 26, 34 & 56*;
- and
- Vanderbilt University (parking lots on Natchez Trace), *served by routes 3 & 5*.

For specific route information, riders should visit nashvillemta.org or use MTA's Music City Transit Tracker App, which is now available for download in Google Play and pending in the Apple Store. Transit App is available via both Google Play and the Apple Store. Vanderbilt University's T-Hub App is pending in both Google Play and the Apple Store. MTA real-time schedule info will be available until midnight.

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Beginning at midnight, 14 routes on extended service will operate from Broadway and 7th Avenue instead of Music City Central. Buses will leave from the north side of Broadway between 7th & 8th Avenues starting at approximately 12:30 a.m. Passengers may begin boarding the buses at midnight, and the buses will depart when full.

Listed below are the routes operating extended service:

3 – West End/White Bridge
4 – Shelby
7 – Hillsboro
10 – Charlotte
12 – Nolensville Pike
15 – Murfreesboro Pike
18 – Airport/Downtown Hotels

22 – Bordeaux
23 – Dickerson Road
26 – Gallatin Pike
29/19 – Jefferson/Herman
34 – Opry Mills
60 – Music City Blue Circuit
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Buses on routes operating extended service will depart at 12:30 a.m. and 2 a.m. from Broadway and 7th Avenue. An additional 1 a.m. departure is available for customers traveling on Route 15 Murfreesboro Pike or Route 26 Gallatin Pike. Buses will operate from downtown and will only stop to drop off passengers.

Route 3 West End/White Bridge will provide a continuous shuttle from this temporary location to West End and 31st Avenue, and the Music City Blue Circuit will operate its route as a continuous shuttle until 2:30 a.m.

For additional information about Nashville MTA and any of its services, please visit nashvillemta.org or call Customer Care at (615) 862-5950. To assist customers on New Year's Eve, the customer care call center will be open until 11:30 p.m.

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