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City of Edmonton

Buses replace LRT service for periods of March 14/15 weekend

Edmonton Transit buses will replace all LRT service at times this weekend to allow for testing of the new signalling system for the LRT related to the Metro Line. LRT service will be restored in time to support the <u>Red Bull Crashed Loe</u> event.

On Saturday, March 14, there will be no LRT service on the Capital Line (Clareview to Century Park) from start of service until 12:30 p.m. Bus route 505 will replace LRT service during that time, with buses stopping at every station between Clareview and Century Park, running on a 5 minute frequency.



Full LRT service will resume at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 and remain operational until the end of service to support the Red Bull Crashed Ice event.

On Sunday, March 15 there will be no LRT service on the Capital Line (Clareview to Century Park) for the entire service day. Bus route 505 will replace LRT service during that time, with buses stopping at every station between Clareview and Century Park, running on a 7-8 minute frequency.

Regular LRT service will be restored on the Capital Line (Clareview to Century Park) for the start of service on Monday, March 16.

Test trains will be running on the street-level portions of the Metro Line and the Capital Line during the shutdown. Pedestrians and motorists are reminded to stay safe by following the traffic signs and signals, and never stopping on the tracks.

The new LRT signalling system will allow trains on the new Metro Line and the existing Capital Line to safely and reliably share the same tracks between Health Sciences/Jubilee Station and Churchill Station. The signalling system contractor, Thales Rail Signalling Systems Ltd., has committed to handing the system over to ETS on March 23, 2015. The City is cautiously optimistic that the Metro Line will open to service in spring 2015.

The City of Edmonton thanks ETS customers for their patience and understanding during the LRT service shutdown.

For more information:

About the weekend signaling tests, visit <u>Transforming Edmonton</u> On the Metro Line, visit <u>edmonton.ca/metroline</u> About ETS service, visit <u>TakeETS.com</u>

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