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Heavy Traffic Expected at Hermann Park During Upcoming Holiday Weekend

This weekend Hermann Park will be filled with the sights and sounds of the Holiday Season. Thousands of revelers are expected for the kickoff of the Fourth Annual Holiday Lights in Hermann Park and for a special holiday performance at Miller Outdoor Theatre. With both events scheduled to kickoff on Friday, December 2, 2005, traffic, parking and congestion challenges may arise. In anticipation, representatives from the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and METRO are working together to provide traffic options for park users.

“Hermann Park is very popular during the Holiday season,” says Joe Turner, Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department. “This Friday we’re hoping visitors will consider METRORail as an option for beating traffic, parking or congestion challenges that might arise.”

METRORail spokesperson Raequel Roberts agrees, “Riding the METRO bus system or METRORail are good alternatives to beating any potential traffic problems. Parking downtown or at the Fannin South Park & Ride lot and catching a train could make your Holiday trip to Hermann Park a much more enjoyable event.”

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From the south, you can catch METRORail at the Fannin South Park & Ride lot located at 1604 West Bellfort (between Knight and Fannin). Alternatively, you can park downtown and catch METRORail at any of the downtown Rail Stations. Once you get to Hermann Park, there are three METRORail stations to choose from: the Museum District Station, between Ewing and Binz; Hermann Park/Rice U Station, at Fannin and Sunset; and the Memorial Hermann Hospital/Houston Zoo Station, at North MacGregor and Ross Sterling.

Hermann Park visitors can access an on-line Hermann Park transportation information page beginning Thursday, December 1 by visiting www.houstonparks.org and clicking on the “Holiday Weekend at Hermann Park” link. Information on METRO’s system is available at www.ridemetro.org.

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