GETTING TO THE EVENT

Free Event Shuttle

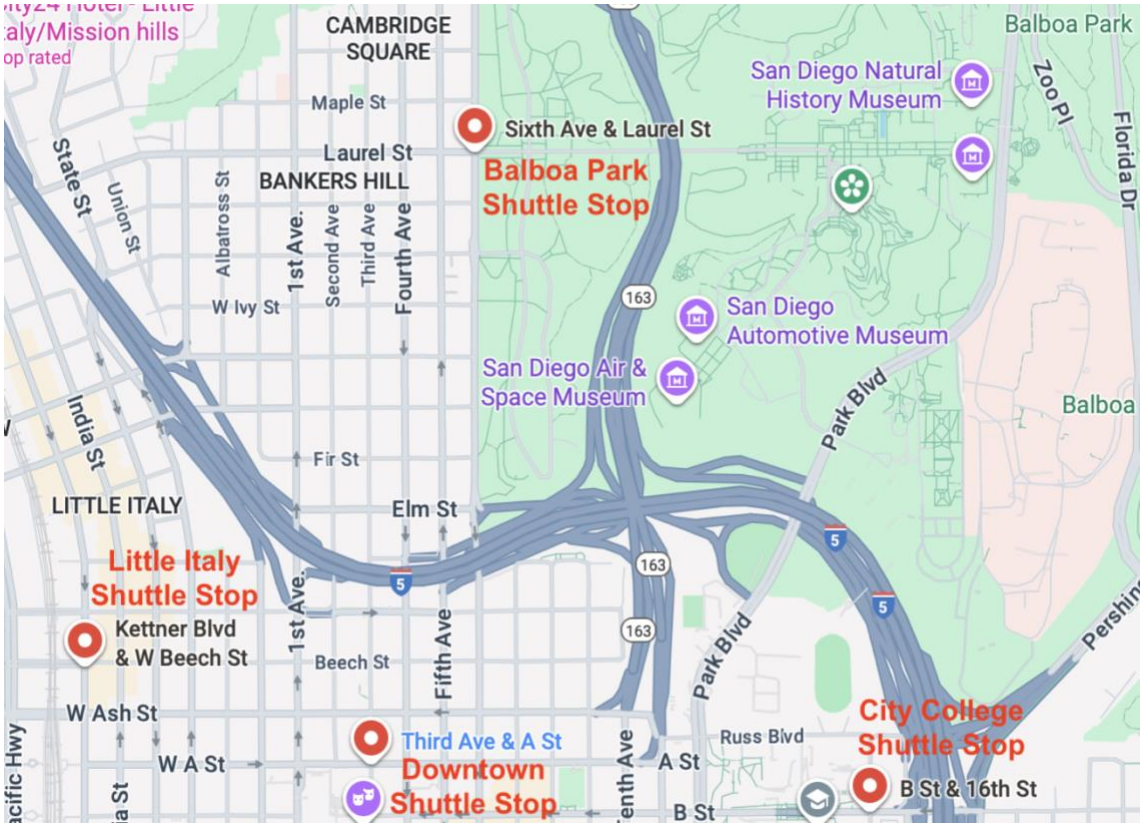
For 2026 we have expanded the shuttle service to include pick up/drop off at the following locations.

The December Nights stop for these shuttles is located on 6th Avenue at Laurel Street.

In addition, MTS will run shuttles between the City College transit hub and the event for free.

For return trips to the transit hub, use the bus stops on the east (northbound) side of Park Blvd.

Location	Pick Up/Drop Off
City College parking garages (free parking)	16th & B Street
Downtown, near City Hall and parking areas	3rd Ave. at A Street
Little Italy, near the Green Line trolley stop and County Administration parking garages	Beech St. & Kettner Blvd.



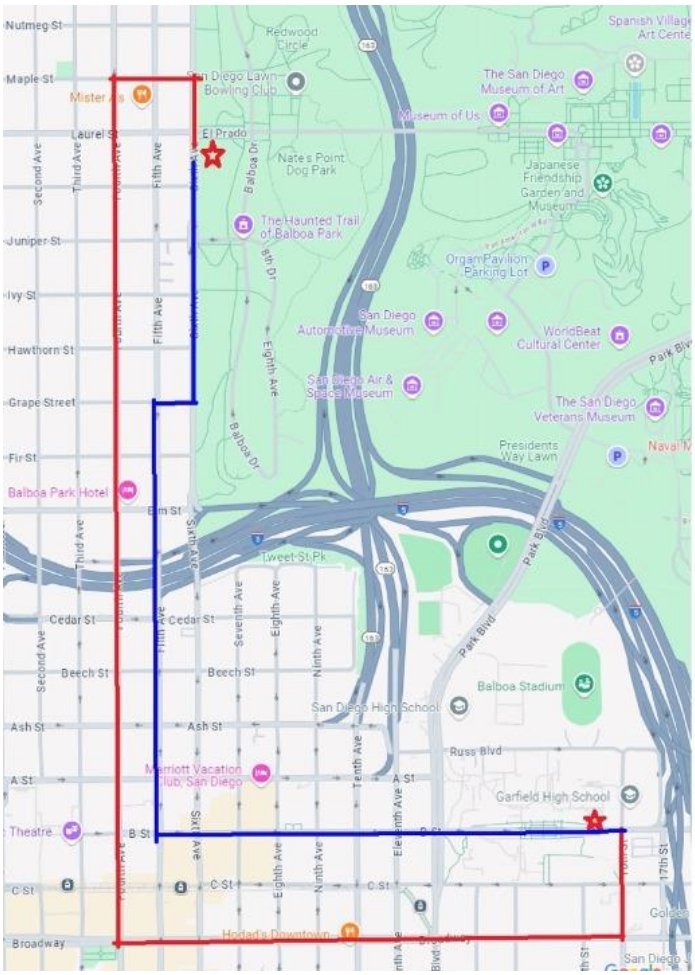
2026 Event Shuttle Notes

- Shuttle buses are white with December Nights logo
- There will be (3) stops, plus the stop at the event
    - **STOP 1:** City College
    - **STOP 2:** 3rd Ave.
    - **STOP 3:** Beech St.
    - **EVENT STOP:** Northbound side of 6th Ave. at Laurel St.
- There will be 3 routes run "point to point" for each stop. This will require 3 designated stops at the event to ensure people get on the correct shuttle.
- There are ADA capable shuttles as part of all shuttle services.
- **Shuttle hours are as follows:**
    - Friday 12/4 operation: 3:30 PM to 10 PM
    - Saturday 12/5 operation: 11:30 AM to 10:00 PM
    - Last shuttle to Balboa Park departs at 8:30 PM
    - Last shuttles depart from Balboa Park at 10:15 PM

Event Shuttle Stop 1/Route 1: City College

- Stop is on B St at 16th St.
- Services the 3 free City College parking garages

Route shown.



16th & B Route

Route
El Prado to 16th & B

North on 6th ave
West on Maple St
South on Fourth Ave
East on W Broadway
North on 16th st
West on B St

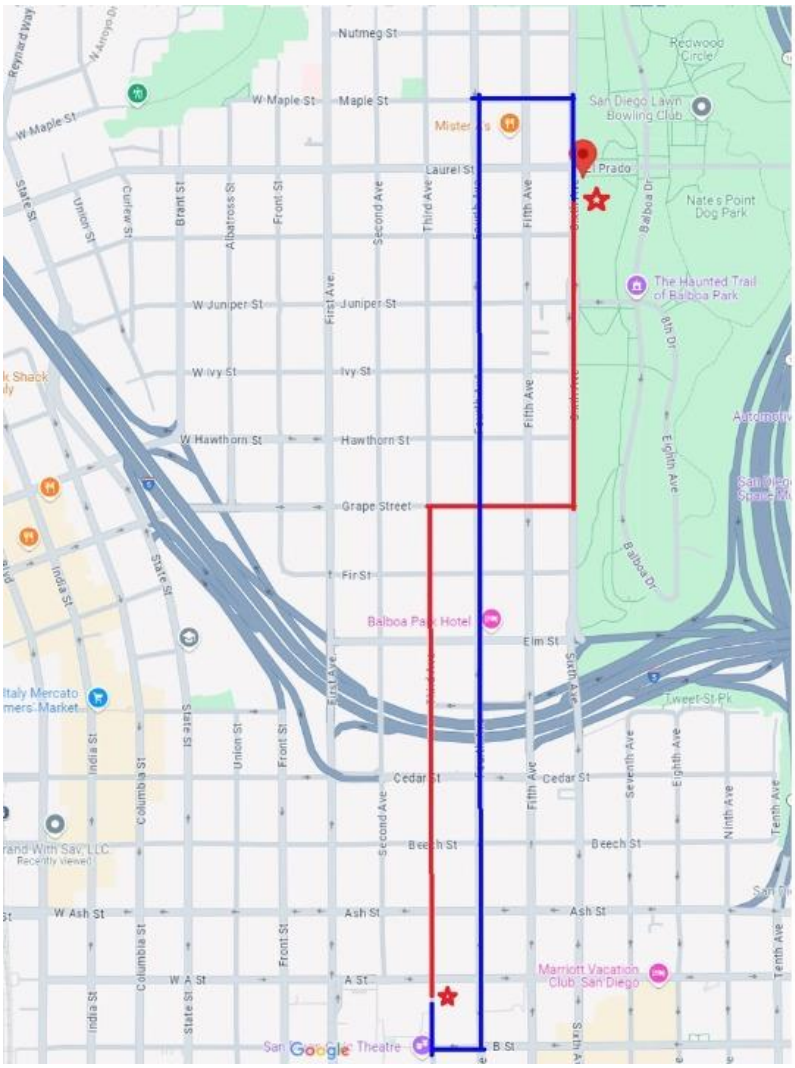
Route
16th & B to El Prado
West on B st
North on Fifth Ave
East on Grape St
North on sixth St



Event Shuttle Stop 2/Route 2: 3rd Ave. / A St.

- Stop is on 3rd Ave. at A St.
- Services ACE surface lots, plus the Parkade, and residents.

Route shown.

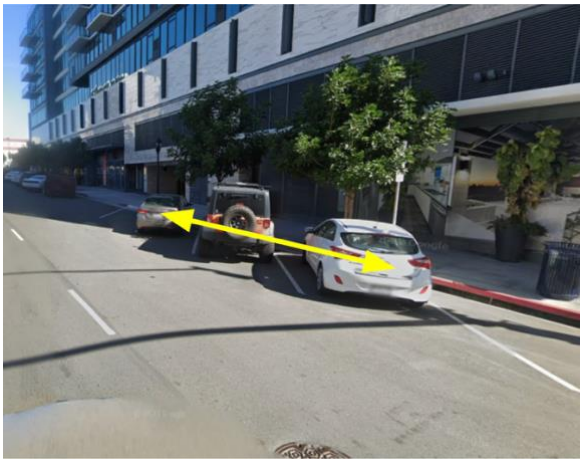


3rd & A st Route

Balboa to 3rd & A st

North on sixth ave
West on Maple St
South on Fourth Ave
West on B st
North on 3rd ave

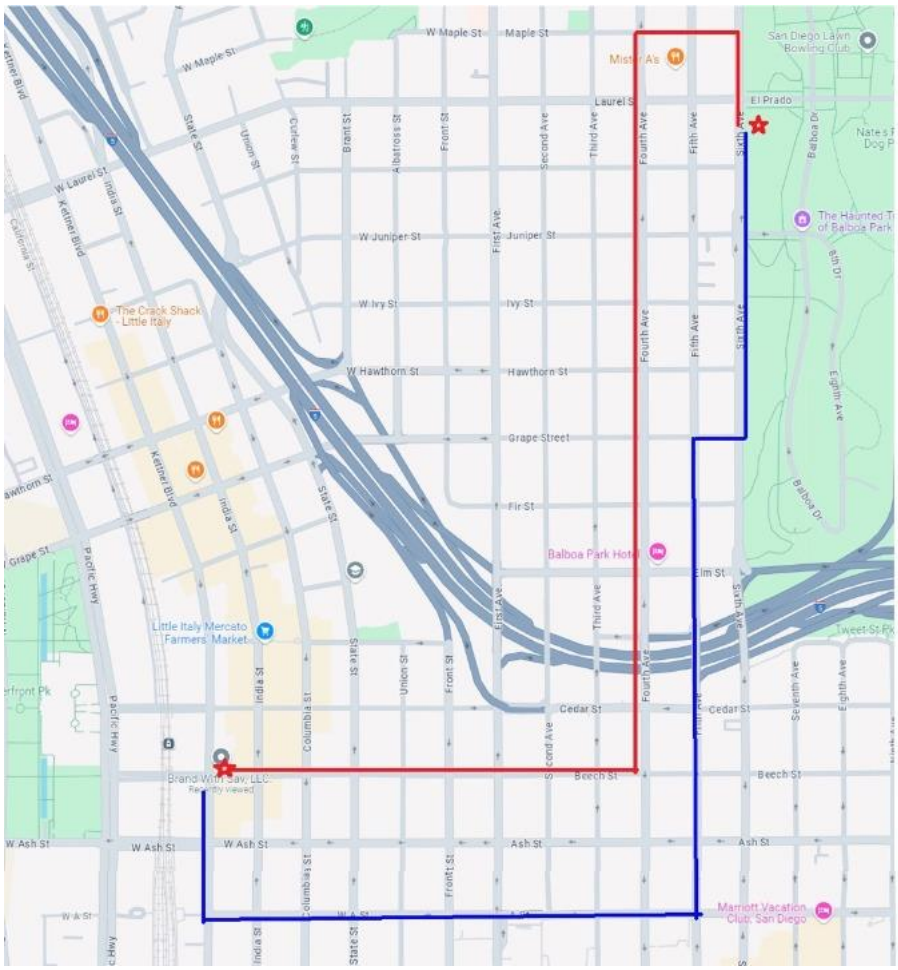
3rd and A st to Balboa
North on 3rd Ave
East on Grape St
North on 6th St



Event Shuttle Stop 3/Route 3: Beech St./Kettner Blvd.

- Stop is on 3rd Ave. at A St.
- Services ACE surface lots, plus the Parkade, and residents.

Route shown.



Kettner Blvd / Beech St

Pick up Location: Infront of "The Durtra Inn" on W Beech St.

Route from Prado to Kettner Blvd

North on 6th Ave
West on Maple St
South On Fourth Ave
West on Beech St

Route from Kettner to Prado

South on K
Kettner Blvd
East on A St
North on Fifth Ave
East on Grape St
North on Sixth Ave



Balboa Park Event Shuttle Stop: 6th & Laurel Ave.

- Area on 5th Ave. to be "No-parked" for the shuttle stops shown here (Yellow/ Orange arrows).
- Shuttle stops will have signs for Routes 1, 2 and 3 and timing.
- North/ South of El Prado excluding shuttle drop off zone will be designated for drop off (No-parked, shown with orange arrows).
- 5th Ave. is one-lane both sides, with a bike lane and street parking.



Free MTS Bus/Trolley

Why sit in traffic when you can park at a convenient MTS transit center and ride to the event? With a nearby transit hub at City College, riding the MTS trolley or bus is a great way to get to the event. From the City College transit hub, you can walk or bike 1.5 miles to the event, or hop on one of the MTS December Nights event buses.

In addition, MTS will run shuttles between the City College transit hub and the event for free. Also free, there will be rides from the City College transit hub to Balboa Park on the 7 and 215 buses. For return trips to the transit hub, use the bus stops on the east (northbound) side of Park Blvd. There are ADA-capable shuttles as part of all shuttle services.

The City College transit hub is serviced by the Blue and Orange trolley lines, as well as several bus routes. If you are riding the Green trolley line to the event, there is a free shuttle pick up at the Beech Street/ County Administration stop. December Nights stop for these shuttles is located on 6th Avenue at Laurel Street.

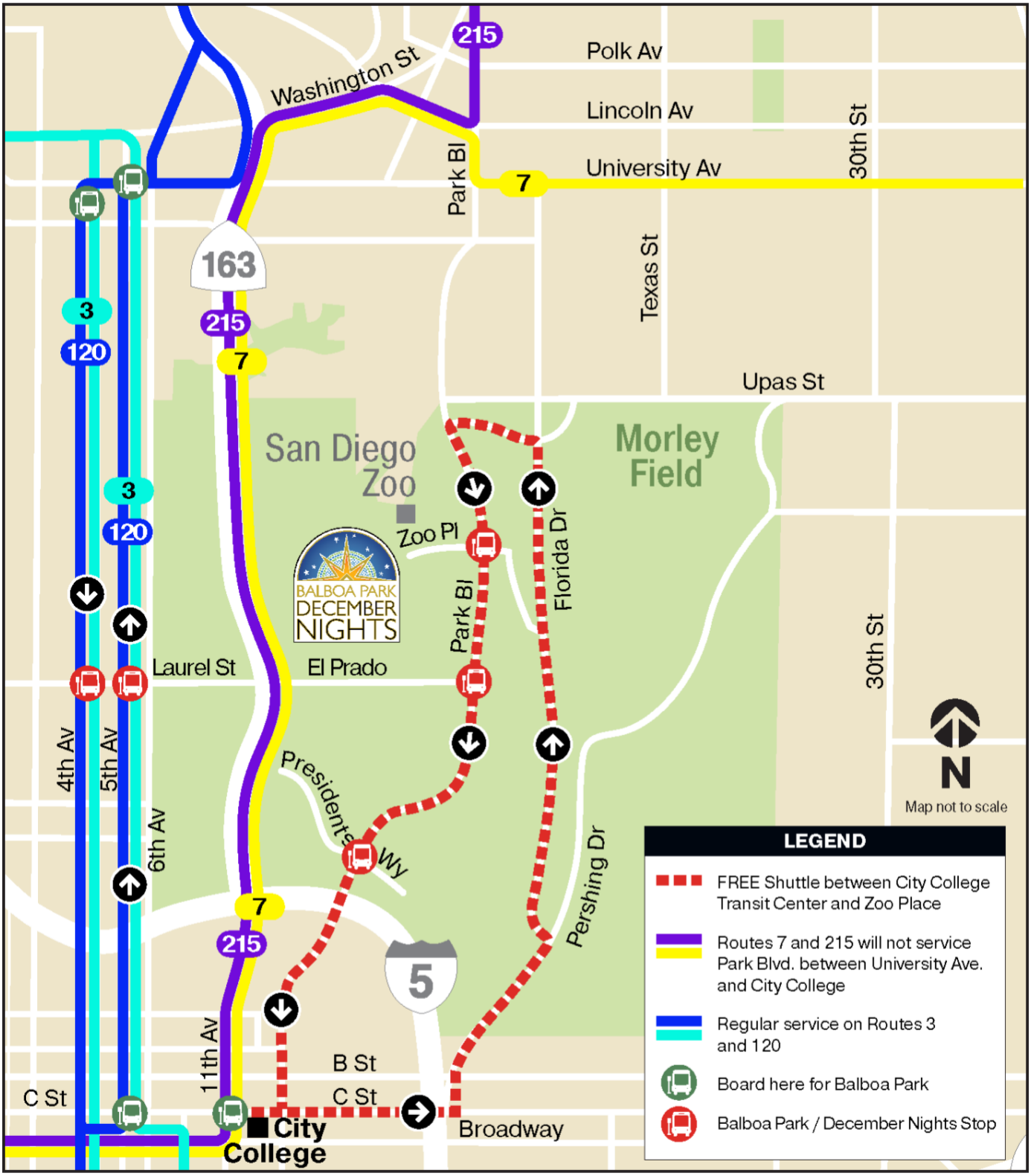
Bike and Ride with MTS

Bicycles are allowed on MTS trolleys, and MTS buses are equipped with bike racks. The City College transit hub is 1.5 miles from the December Nights free bike valet, with a short ride north on Park Blvd.

MTS Youth Opportunity Pass – Riders 18 and Under Ride Free

All riders 18 and under can ride MTS and North County Transit District services for FREE with a Youth PRONTO app account, or a Youth PRONTO card!

MTS Routes


215
Polk Av
Washington St
Lincoln Av
30th St
Park Bl
7
University Av
163
Texas St
3
120
215
7
Upas St
San Diego Zoo
Morley Field
3
120
Zoo Pl
Florida Dr
BALBOA PARK DECEMBER NIGHTS
Park Bl
Laurel St
El Prado
30th St
4th Av
5th Av
Presidents Wy
6th Av
N
Map not to scale
7
215
5
Pershing Dr
11th Av
B St
C St
C St
City College
Broadway
LEGEND
FREE Shuttle between City College Transit Center and Zoo Place
Routes 7 and 215 will not service Park Blvd. between University Ave. and City College
Regular service on Routes 3 and 120
Board here for Balboa Park
Balboa Park / December Nights Stop

DECEMBER NIGHTS

Friday, Dec. 4, 2026 - 4pm to 10pm

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026 - 12pm to 10pm

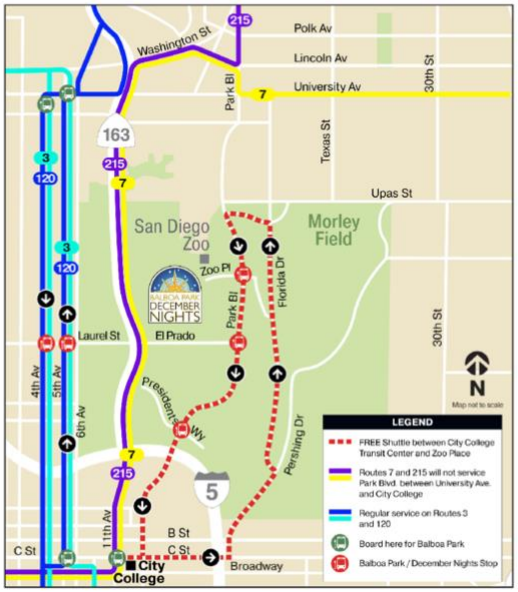
- **Route 7 and Rapid 215 will not service Park Bl between University Ave. and City College during the December Nights event.**
- **Shuttle buses will operate southbound on Park Bl between Zoo Pl. and Broadway.**
- **Northbound regular service resumes at Park Bl. & University Av. for both routes.**

Please scan QR code for additional information

Viernes, Dec. 4, 2026 - 4pm - 10pm

Sábado, Dec. 5, 2026 - 12pm - 10pm

- La ruta 7 y Rapid 215 no darán servicio a Park Bl entre University Ave. y City College durante el evento de las Noches de Diciembre.
- Los autobuses que operarán en dirección sur en Park Bl entre Zoo Pl. y Broadway.
- El servicio regular en dirección norte se reanuda en Park Bl. y Av. Universidad. para ambas rutas.



Service Advisory
Aviso de servicio

DECEMBER NIGHTS

Friday, December 4, 2026
Saturday, December 5, 2026

Routes 7 and 215 will not service Park Blvd. between University Avenue and City College on:

- Friday, December 4 • 4–10 p.m.
- Saturday, December 5 • 12–10 p.m.

For MTS service to December Nights:
Free shuttle bus will provide service from City College.

The schedule and other information shown on this Service Advisory are subject to change. MTS does not assume responsibility for any inconvenience caused by delayed buses.

NOCHES DE DICIEMBRE

Viernes, 4 de diciembre de 2026
Sábado, 5 de diciembre de 2026

Las Rutas 7 y 215 con dirección al sur no darán servicio sobre Park Blvd. entre University Ave. y City College:

- *Viernes, 4 de diciembre • 4–10 p.m.*
- *Sábado, 5 de diciembre • 12–10 p.m.*

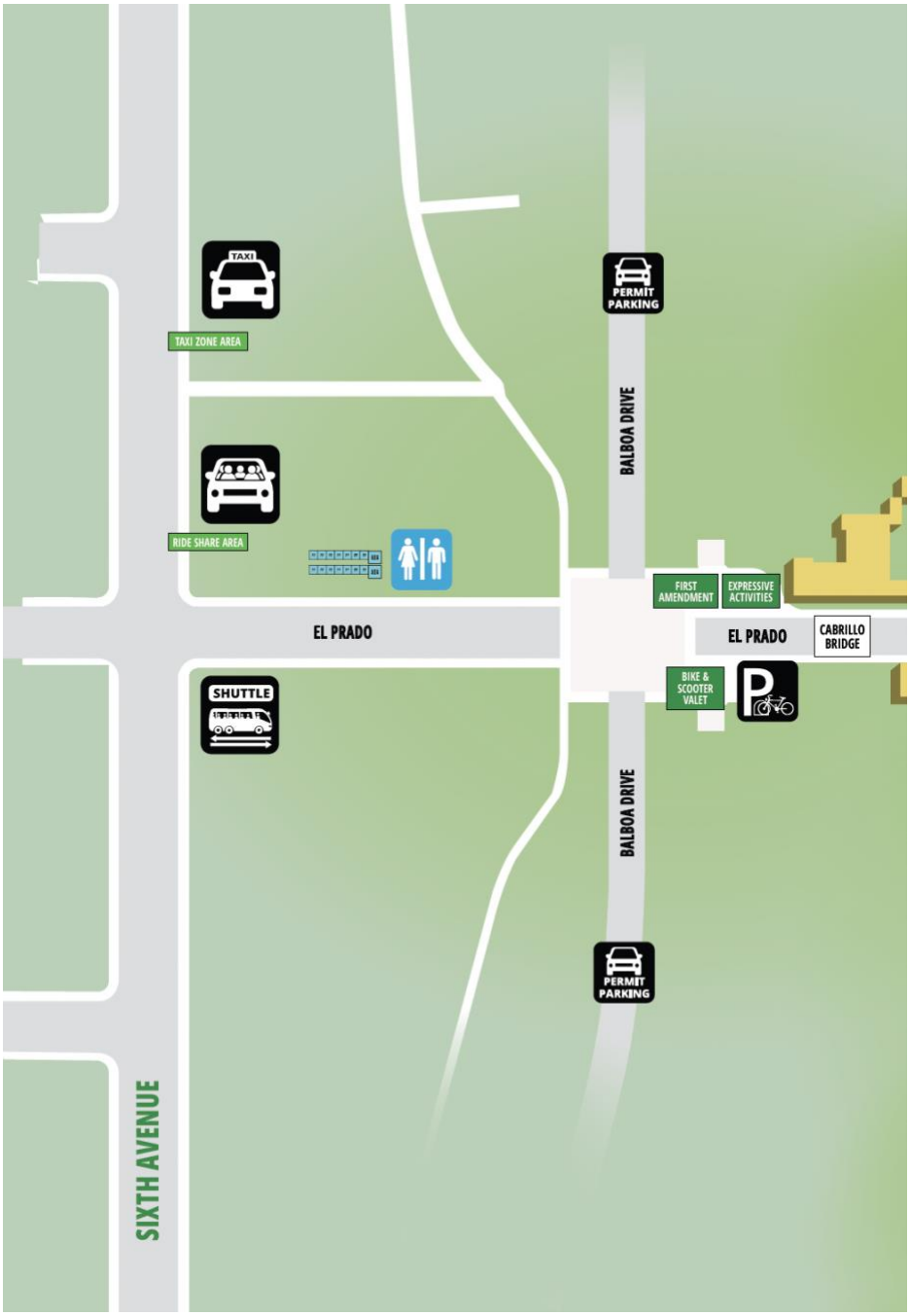
Para servicio de MTS a Noches de Diciembre:
El autobús gratuito ofrecerá servicio desde colegio de la ciudad.

Los horarios e informacion que se indican en este Aviso de Servicio estan sujetos a combios. MTS no assume responsabilidad por ningun perjuicio que se origine por los autobuses demorados.

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Rideshare/Drop-off Location

- Using a rideshare service or getting a ride from a friend is a great way to avoid the traffic.
- 6th Avenue typically has less traffic, and a location along 6th Avenue at Laurel Street is designated for drop off and pick up only.



Bikes and Scooters

Free Bike & Scooter Valet

There are two free bike and scooter valets available during December Nights, located at the corner of Park Blvd. and Village Place and the west entrance to the Cabrillo Bridge.

The free valet hours are:

- Friday, December 4th, 4 PM to 10 PM
- Saturday, December 5th, 12 PM to 10 PM

NOTE: Bicycles and scooters are not allowed inside the event itself. You will be required to park outside of the event.

Bikes and Scooters

- From the west: Enter the event via Laurel St. and Cabrillo Bridge.
- From the north: Enter by Spanish Village, using either Village Place or the pedestrian walkway from the zoo.
- From the south: Enter via Presidents Way