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Free Rides, Extended Metromover Service: How to Get Around Downtown Miami During Ultra

A few options that will make your life a bit easier.



We don't have to tell you that getting around downtown Miami can be rough when [Ultra](#) Music Festival is here. Streets close down, [traffic moves at snail speed](#) and as for parking, you probably shouldn't even think about it. Not to mention that this year's festival, which runs Friday to Sunday at Bayfront Park, also coincides with a visit from President Donald Trump, who is among the MAGA figures [headlining](#) the Saudi investment summit underway at the Faena Hotel & Forum in Miami Beach.

The Miami Police Department [announced](#) earlier this week that detours for [Ultra](#) will begin on Thursday at 9 p.m. and remain in effect until Monday at 7 a.m., with traffic rerouted on parts of Biscayne Boulevard.

Miami-Dade Transit and the Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) are trying to make getting around a little easier during the 26th edition of Ultra by extending service hours and offering free rides and walks around town.

The ride program, [Freebee](#), is provided by the DDA and available throughout the Central Business District, Brickell, and the Arts & Entertainment District. You can request a ride by downloading the Freebee app on your phone. Although the cars have been available downtown for a while, the hours of operation will be extended for Ultra, running from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Escorted walks are being provided through the DDA's Safety Walk program. A [Downtown Ambassador](#) will meet you and walk you to your destination until 2 a.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. You can request a walk by calling 305-415-3896.

Miami-Dade Transit is also extending its service hours, with Metrorail and Metromover service starting at 5 a.m. and running through 2 a.m. the following morning on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, the service will end at midnight.

As mentioned in our [Ultra Survival Guide](#), the Brightline is your best bet if you're coming from Fort Lauderdale or West Palm Beach. You can even start the party early by taking the [Silent Disco Premium Experience](#), a "one-time, one-direction southbound train" that arrives in Miami shortly before festival gates open at 3:20 p.m. Friday.