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## **Metro Service Changes Effective Sunday December 18**

Media Relations issued a comprehensive news release today that outlines the various service changes and enhancements set to begin on Sunday, December 18. The release notes the start up of a new express bus Line 577X from Long Beach to El Monte, the addition of a new Metro Rapid Line along Western Avenue and four new limited stop lines being implemented as part of the service enhancements. For more information, see link below.

[http://www.metro.net/press/2005/12\\_December/metro\\_179.htm](http://www.metro.net/press/2005/12_December/metro_179.htm)

In addition, Media Relations staff was interviewed today by a Metro Networks news radio reporter about the new Line 577X express bus service from El Monte to Long Beach that will debut Monday December 19.

## **Perspective Given On Latest Metro Orange Line Accident**

A Metro Networks news radio reporter today asked Media Relations staff about last Saturday's minor bus accident, the fifth in five weeks on the Metro Orange Line. Staff noted that in all five cases it appears motorists running red lights were at fault, however, Metro, LADOT and law enforcement officials will review the incident and determine if additional safety measures are needed. Staff has been highlighting the three "E's" -- enforcement, engineering and education. Staff also noted that Metro has operated more than 150,000 miles on the Metro Orange Line since it opened to the public Oct. 29, and five accidents is in line with the system wide Metro Bus accident rate per 100,000 miles. Still, staff stressed that any accident, no matter whose fault it is, is too many and we're working to make the Metro Orange Line as safe as it possibly can be.

## **Fire Department Training at Metro**

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On December 5, 6, 7, 20, 21 & 22 both Los Angeles City and County Fire Departments will be provided Metro training in the Board Room and will be parking a large number of fire apparatus in Terminal 31. This training is for the first responders to better assist our operators and our passengers in the event of an emergency.

### **Banner Enhances Lankershim Depot Construction Fence**

Metro Art and Design Studio staff produced an over 6,000 square foot banner to wrap the construction fence surrounding the boarded up Lankershim train depot. Colorful graphics depict a street map layout of the Valley with boldly oversized street and neighborhood names. Interspersed within the map are smaller scaled, eye level images of historic photographs and brief text describing the origin of the street names themselves (for example: Victory Boulevard named in honor of the Valley's World War I veterans in 1924). The fences both shield the depot and assist in reducing potential vandalism.



### **ACE Nogales Street Grade Separation Project and Luncheon**

The Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority held the Nogales Street grade separation dedication ceremony this morning in honor of Jack Phillips, ACE Board member and councilman from the City of Industry. The ceremony commemorated the completion of the first ACE grade separation project. Supervisors Antonovich and Molina, Director Fasana, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, State Assemblymembers Bob Huff, Nell Soto and Ed Chavez as well as State Senator Bob Margett spoke at the event. A celebratory luncheon at the Pacific Palms Conference Resort followed the dedication ceremony. Also, linked are photos from today's event <http://www.theaceproject.org/nogalesnorthdedication.htm>

### **Of Note**

On this day in 1982, a new 17-acre Division 8 at 9201 Canoga Avenue in Chatsworth opened for service. A Mexican themed grand opening celebration was held a couple of months later, and over 1,000 attendees enjoyed mariachis, Mexican food and facilities tours. West Valley bus operations were moved there from the former Division 8, a 5.5-acre site at 14557 Sherman Way in Van Nuys. The original Van Nuys Division, officially designated as Division 8 on August 15, 1958, was a Pacific Electric Railway (1901-1953) property passed down through Metropolitan Coach Lines (1953-1958) and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (1958-1964) to the Southern California Rapid Transit District (1964-1993). Today the San Fernando Valley Service Sector's Division 8 has capacity for 249 buses, operates local lines, Rapid Bus line 750 and the

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## Metro Orange Line.

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