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New Schedules for Metro Gold Line

Last Sunday October 29th, new schedules went into effect for the Metro Gold Line system. Under the new schedule, Metro Gold Line trains will run an average of every 10 minutes during rush hour periods. Passengers can also shave additional time off their daily commutes by using the Metro Gold Line Express, which has limited stops. The improvements are the result of Metro Rail Operations system modifications and train control upgrades.

The new system modifications have yielded the following decrease in end-to-end run times between Sierra Madre Villa & Union Station:

- Local Service: From 34 minutes to 29
- Express Service: From 29 minutes to 24

On average, passengers can expect to spend 30% less time waiting for Metro Gold Line trains between downtown and Pasadena.

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Construction Update

This afternoon, Media Relations issued a Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Construction Update [news release](#) noting that re-striping along First Street between State and Chicago Streets in Boyle Heights will begin on Thursday, November 2nd. Work will be completed in one night from 6:00 p.m. on Thursday to 6:00 a.m. on Friday, November 3rd. Resident traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction and there will be no street parking for the evening. Pedestrian and emergency vehicle access will be maintained. Street entrances

will also be maintained for homes and businesses in the area.

Metro Goes Solar at Division 18

Media Relations issued a [news release](#) today announcing that the Board has approved \$5 million in funding for a new solar generation project at Metro Bus Division 18 in Carson. Scheduled for completion in September 2007, the panels are expected to save the agency \$300,000 annually in electricity costs. The release notes that a motion jointly authored by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and City Councilman Bernard Parks will enable Metro to initiate a comprehensive three-year plan to install solar panels on every Metro bus and rail facility in cooperation with the Department of Water and Power, the Gas Company, and Southern California Edison. The *Daily Breeze* inquired about the project today, with a story expected to run in the near future.

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