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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Metro Blue Line Service Advisory for Monday, March 26: Expect major delays for evening rush hour

Metro Blue Line: Monday, March 26, 2012: Due to several equipment issues throughout entire line, Metro customers are advised to anticipate significant delays today when traveling on the Blue Line.

As of **3:30 p.m.**, trains are serving ALL stations. Additionally, trains both ways are sharing the northbound track at the following stations: Florence, Slauson and Vernon. This is creating a significant delay due to train congestion and rush hour crowds.

Here is the current service plan in place for affected customers:

Blue Line is running according to the following schedule, subject to delays:

- Every 10 min between 7th/Metro and Washington
- Every 20 min between Washington and Florence
- Every 10 min between Florence and LB Transit Mall
- Every other southbound train will turn around at Washington due to limited single track capacity
- Every other northbound train will turn around at Florence due to limited single track capacity
- Bus shuttles will be provided for passengers on trains that turn around

Power has been restored and trains are sharing one track between Grand and 7th/Metro stations.

Bus shuttles (20 have been requested) are in place between Washington and Florence stations to supplement limited train capacity. Follow train and station announcements for these bus shuttles.

All Blue Line passengers btwn Long Beach and Imperial/Wilmington should consider using the **Silver Line** as an alternate.

- Silver Line up-charge will be **WAIVED** for affected Blue Line passengers.
- **To use the Silver Line from 7th/Metro**, walk to Flower/7th in front of The Coffee Bean, board Silver Line "Artesia Transit Ctr", exit at Harbor Fwy/I-105 Station and transfer to Green Line trains upstairs.
- **To use the Silver Line from Imperial/Wilmington**, board the Green Line towards Redondo Beach, exit at Harbor Fwy, and proceed downstairs to the Northbound Express bus stop.

Green Line passengers who normally use the Blue Line to travel Downtown may also consider the following alternates:

- Norwalk - Use Line 460
- Long Beach BI - Use Line 760
- Harbor Fwy - Use Silver Line or 450. Express upcharges **WAIVED** today.
- Crenshaw - Use Line 710 or 757 to Purple Line
- Hawthorne - Use Line 740
- Aviation/LAX - Use LADOT Commuter Express 438 (Rush Only)

Please allow extra travel time, especially when connecting to Metrolink trains or other lines.

If a delay verification is needed for your employer or school, please contact Customer Relations at 213.922.6235 or Fax 213.922.6988.