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Metro Gold Line Limited Stop Service

Targeted to begin on Monday February 13, the Metro Gold Line will offer limited stop service during peak travel times, weekdays only, at Union Station, Highland Park/Los Angeles Mission/South Pasadena, Del Mar/Pasadena and Sierra Madre Villa/Terminus. The limited stop service will evidence a gain of approximately five minutes per trip from terminus to terminus. There are still six trips an hour, only two will be converted to the limited stop service. The remaining "local stop" trains will run every fifteen minutes. Limited stop trains are scheduled to allow for Red Line connections into the central business district for workday starts on the hour and half hour.

Limited Stop Trains will have different headsigns reading "Limited Stops" in addition to color-coded dash signs probably green for Limited and red for Local. This service option is designed to improve travel time for commuters during peak operating hours while maintaining fifteen-minute service to all stations.

Staff is working with local community and run-through stations are being modified for passenger safety. Take one's and station banners will advertise the new service and signage in three languages is being developed. Operator, Supervisor, Controller and Sheriff training has begun to ensure safe operation. Limited stop service is a first of its kind for Metro, safety procedures and training are being emphasized to ensure the program's success.

Metro's New Religious Accommodation Policy Takes Effect

Metro's new Religious Accommodation Policy went into effect earlier this month, underscoring that the agency is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate on the basis of religion.

Human Resources Policy #20 establishes standards and procedures under which Metro will make good faith efforts to respond to requests for religious accommodations. The policy applies to employees and job applicants who have

sincerely held religious beliefs, practices or observances.

The Religious Accommodation Policy was developed late last year, following the settlement of a federal lawsuit brought against Metro by a bus operator trainee who is an Orthodox Jew. It went into effect Jan. 2, 2006. HR will provide training over the next 90 days to Operations managers and supervisors who have special responsibility for implementing the policy. The policy also is to be posted at all work locations for employees to see.

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