

Metro News

Festive Metro Gold Line Grand Opening, July 26-27, Will Feature Free Rides

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Shortly after departing the Chinatown Metro Rail Station, a northbound Metro Gold Line train is just minutes away from its next stop, the Metro Rail Lincoln Heights/Cypress Park Station.



Four-quadrant gates, which have prevented car versus train accidents on the Metro Blue Line, have been installed at key Metro Gold Line intersections.

Metro Gold Line Opening Will Be A Festive Affair

There will be free rides opening weekend on the Los Angeles-Pasadena Metro Gold Line, July 26-27.

The 13.7-mile light rail line will operate between downtown Los Angeles and East Pasadena and stop in the communities of Chinatown, Lincoln Heights, Mount Washington, Highland Park, South Pasadena and Pasadena.

Special events, including entertainment and a variety of cuisine, will be featured at many of the 13 stations.

At Union Station, passengers can connect to Metro Buses and the rest of the Metro Rail system as well as transit services offered by numerous carriers.

New two-car trains will stop at stations every 10 minutes during peak hours and 12 to 20 minutes at other times. An end-to-end one-way trip will take approximately 36 minutes. [MN](#)

Newest Technology Protects Pedestrians and Motorists

The latest safety technology has been installed on streets paralleling the Metro Gold Line.

Four-quadrant gates can completely seal off intersections and shield approaching trains from wayward motorists; however, embedded pavement loops will lift the opposite gate giving vehicles an escape route if caught on the tracks.

Additionally, 23 of the 30 at-grade crossings on the Metro Gold Line are equipped with pedestrian and swing gates, which bolster safety by closing the crossing to foot traffic.

fiber-optic signs installed on traffic signals give drivers advance warning of approaching trains. These signs have helped reduce accidents by 50% on the Metro Blue Line. [MN](#)

Concerns About Metro Gold Line Can Be Reported By Phone

The public can call 213.620.RAIL for non-emergencies, questions and concerns about the operation of Metro Gold Line trains.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department can be contacted directly at 323.563.5000 for emergencies related to immediate public safety. [MN](#)

Common Sense Can Save Lives

Passenger safety is MTA's number one priority. By obeying the following do's and don'ts at Metro Rail stations, potentially serious injuries can be prevented:

While waiting for the train...

- Don't run, skate or ride your bike on the platform, stairs, escalators or near trains.
- Watch and listen and always stand away from the platform's edge.
- Hold on to your child.

When the train arrives...

- Wait until it comes to a complete stop.
- Never run after or next to it.
- Let passengers leave before you board.
- Watch the gap between the platform and train.

When riding...

- Do not lean against doors; keep hands clear when the door is opening or closing. [MN](#)



Students from Nightingale Middle School in Highland Park wear 3-D glasses during simulated train ride inside Metro Experience, MTA's mobile safety theater.

Interactive Thrill Ride, DVDs, Teaching Safety

MTA has taken important steps to ensure that the Metro Gold Line and people can co-exist safely.

Pro-active education presentations have been made to nearly 100,000 people of all ages, including children who attend 71 surrounding schools.

The newest tool in MTA's rail education arsenal is Metro Experience, a mobile safety theater that functions like an amusement park ride by employing advanced video and 3-D effects, vibrating seats and other special effects.

Interactive DVD presentations also have been invaluable in helping kids and adults recognize approaching train-warning devices and understand how they function. [MN](#)

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Many popular attractions including Old Pasadena, Southwest Museum and Olvera Street are located close to Metro Gold Line stations.

Metro Gold Line Is Ticket To Getaway Opportunities

Many popular rest-and-relaxation and cultural sites are within easy reach by taking the Metro Gold Line.

Destinations include Chinatown, the Southwest and Norton Simon museums, the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena City College, Old Pasadena, Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel and many others.

Olvera Street, Watts Towers, Staples Center, Queen Mary, Hollywood, Universal City and the North Hollywood Arts District are among many other attractions that can be accessed via Metro Rail. [MN](#)

Rail Stations No Sanctuary For Criminal Activity

Metro Gold Line parking lots and stations will be well-lit and afford no hiding places for misdeeds.

Stations will be equipped with cameras and emergency intercoms directly linked to closed-circuit television observers who, with a push of a button, can alert emergency personnel including law enforcement and the fire department.

In addition, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will patrol the line and the entire Metro Rail system. [MN](#)