

# Metro News

## Metro Rapid Crenshaw Will Open February 2

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Los Angeles Department of Transportation subcontractors are as busy as ever installing Metro Rapid signal priority sensors.



The rush to UCLA football games played at Rose Bowl can be avoided by taking shuttles that leave close to the Memorial Park Metro Gold Line station.

## MTA's Redesigned Website Pairs Up Car And Vanpoolers

MTA's redesigned website matches people looking to carpool or vanpool with other people who want to share the cost of driving and use carpool lanes to get to work faster and reduce stress.

Ride Match, located below the Trip Planner on the home page, provides employers and employees who submit preliminary data with such information as possible matches, maps and information on how to find a vanpool map and park and ride matches in their area.

"People are interested in sharing the ride to work and back," said MTA Employer Programs Manager David Sutton. "The system helps employers and employees, and updates information faster." MN



New Metro Bus colors include bright California poppy orange to improve the appearance of the fleet and help customers identify what type of service is being offered.

## Crenshaw Boulevard Metro Rapid Opening Is Just Weeks Away

Metro Rapid Crenshaw Boulevard Line 710 will save customers up to 25% in travel time versus standard buses beginning February 2 when the fast and frequent Monday through Friday service begins.

The line, featuring low floor buses for easy boarding and a signal priority system, will run along Crenshaw Boulevard and Rossmore/Vine between the South Bay Galleria and Hollywood/Vine, very close to the Metro Rail station, and include a stop at the Crenshaw Boulevard Metro Rail Station.

When Metro Rapid Crenshaw Boulevard opens, there will be seven Metro Rapid lines offering service, spanning 115 miles. MN

## Metro Rail Passengers Can Walk To UCLA Football Game Shuttle

UCLA football fans who want to save time and money on parking can take the college's continuous running free shuttle from near the Memorial Park Metro Gold Line Station to the Rose Bowl starting four hours before the start of the game.

The trip begins at the Parsons Parking Lot (100 West Walnut Street near Pasadena Avenue) and drops passengers off at the front gates of the Rose Bowl. Metro Rail passengers can walk westbound on Holly Street to reach the lot.

Smoking, drinking and eating are not allowed on Metro Rail. MN

## Metro Rail Stops Directly Along Christmas Parade Route

Other than furry reindeer, Metro Rail is the most convenient and fastest way for Hollywood Christmas Parade-goers to reach the spectacle, Sunday, November 30 and find a prime viewing location.

The Metro Red Line travels beneath Hollywood Boulevard with stops at Hollywood/Highland and Hollywood/Vine. The parade begins at 6 pm and proceeds along Hollywood Boulevard, Vine Street and Sunset Boulevard.

The MTA will add extra cars to all Metro Red Line trains on parade day. Trains will depart the Hollywood area approximately every 10 minutes until 10:00 pm and every 20 minutes after 10:30 pm. MN

## Metro Bus Fleet Receiving Makeover

Faster and more reliable, Metro Bus also is becoming more visually pleasing.

The repainting of Metro Bus using vibrant rainbow bright colors will take approximately three years to complete and will help customers tell the difference between various types of service.

Three distinct paint schemes include: Bright California poppy orange to reflect local bus service; a crisp bold blue to distinguish freeway express buses; and bright red for Metro Rapid. A base color, silver, to be used on all buses and trains, is coupled with reflective decals to improve safety and visibility.

New coaches delivered to MTA will already sport the new appearance. MN



## Much-Needed

Following the presentation of \$45 million in federal government grants to MTA for completion of Metro Red Line construction to the San Fernando Valley and purchase of new buses, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta (right) inspected new Metro Buses with Deputy CEO John Catoe and fielded questions from reporters.

## Escalator Down Time Significantly Reduced

Sheriff's Department fare inspectors now are making sure Metro Rail escalators deliberately turned off by mischief makers to inconvenience passengers are up and running much more quickly.

Besides their fare and security checking duties, the inspectors also act as transit ambassadors helping riders with directions, information and other needed assistance.

"Unfortunately shutting down escalators had become a relatively common occurrence and was a burden on passengers. It was really impeding the flow of traffic during peak hours. That has all changed," said LASD Lt. Michael Parker. MN



Metro Rail fare inspectors double-check to make sure escalators they restored service to are working safely.