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Introducing The Under Construction Metro Orange Line

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Construction of the Metro Orange Line transitway is proceeding, including the grading and paving of Chandler Boulevard between Tujunga and Whitsett avenues in North Hollywood.



A new City of Sierra Madre shuttle serves the Metro Gold Line Sierra Madre Villa Station.

Valley Transitway Gets New Name

The MTA Board has officially designated the future 14-mile San Fernando Valley transitway as the Metro Orange Line. The transitway will operate much like Metro Rail trains.

When it opens in 2005, 60-foot vehicles will transport passengers between Warner Center in Woodland Hills and the North Hollywood Metro Rail Station, which connects to the entire 73.1-mile Metro Rail system.

The vehicles will feature extra seating capacity and will operate in exclusive lanes on a former railroad right-of-way, shaving precious minutes off the time it presently takes commuters to cover the same distance in standard buses. [MN](#)

New Sierra Madre Shuttle Connects to Metro Gold Line

Metro Gold Line passengers who usually drive to the Metro Rail Sierra Madre Station now have a fast, comfortable option: shuttles that make the rounds in East Pasadena.

The nine-mile Sierra Madre Gateway Coach shuttle operates during the non-peak hours of 10 am to 4 pm. Seniors, disabled riders and youth 16 and under with ID can ride the City of Sierra Madre-operated shuttle for free.

The shuttle delivers passengers to the Metro Gold Line's easternmost station where they can board the train and travel through Pasadena, Highland Park, Lincoln Heights and Chinatown and downtown LA. There, passengers can take the Metro Red Line subway from Union Station to the Metro Blue and Green light rail lines. [MN](#)

Metro Orange Line Will Serve New Transit Center

As convenient as one-stop shopping, public transit customers will be able to board and exit buses operated by Metro and municipal carriers at one central West San Fernando Valley location by spring 2005.

The Warner Center Transit Hub will be the western terminus for the Metro Orange Line transitway, opening a few months later, and will feature specially designed stations, security lighting, ticket vending machines and public phones.

The hub is an LADOT project and is co-funded by Metro. The hub will be located on Owensmouth Avenue between Oxnard and Erwin streets next to the Woodland Hills Promenade. [MN](#)

Metro Takes Viewers On Ride Via Cable Television Show

Metro's "LA In A Day Via Metro" cable television program, co-produced with the City of Los Angeles' Channel 36, shows viewers how convenient it is to reach activity centers by using Metro Bus and Metro Rail.

The Metro Gold Line is the focus of the latest installment in this often funny, unpredictable and highly informative series of 30-minute shows that air on the cable channel.

Wacky hosts Jeff Cole and Heather Hopper have gone on adventures to CityWalk at Universal Studios, the Pantages Theater, Grand Central Market and Olvera Street during previous shows.

"LA In A Day Via Metro" airs on Channel 36 in Los Angeles and on other cable channels in the county. Check your local cable show program listings for air times. [MN](#)



Marge Hearn admires plaque of her husband, legendary Lakers announcer Chick Hearn, during special Metro tribute at Metro Rail Pico Station near Staples Center.

Metro and LA Lakers Honor Late Great Chick Hearn

Just the sight of longtime LA Lakers announcer Chick Hearn's newly installed plaque at the Metro Rail Pico Station will pump up basketball fans.

Metro and the LA Lakers recently honored the late Hearn at the station during a ceremony which included such participants as Lakers General Manager Mitch Kupchak.

"For more than four decades, Chick Hearn brought millions of people together throughout Southern California through their love of the Lakers," said Kupchak. "He had such a huge impact on this city that it is a very fitting tribute for Metro to honor him in this way. And as the many passengers who travel through this station see his plaque on a daily basis, it will keep his memory alive in a very positive way." [MN](#)

Metro San Gabriel Valley To Launch New Bus Line

Metro patrons will soon enjoy a quicker way of moving around the San Gabriel Valley.

A new limited service line that begins at the El Monte Bus Station will debut June 27 and serve Alhambra, El Monte, Rosemead and San Gabriel during weekdays, 6-9 am and 4-7 pm. Line 376 will travel along Valley Boulevard and North Main Street, the same route as Line 76.

Limited service lines reduce customer travel time because buses only stop at major intersections.

Since the Metro San Gabriel Valley service sector opened in July 2002, customer input has helped shape five new limited stop lines. [MN](#)



Metro is installing left-hand turn warning signals along Metro Blue Line in Long Beach to improve safety.

Metro Blue Line Is Safer For All

The first of 29 street signs that will improve safety for drivers waiting for Metro Blue Line trains to proceed through intersections has been installed on Long Beach Boulevard at 7th and 10th streets.

The balance of the illuminated left-hand turn warning signs that indicate when it is safe for cars to cross the Metro Blue Line tracks will be in operation this summer. All left-turn lanes along the Metro Blue Line in the City of Long Beach will receive the signals.

In the Los Angeles portion of the alignment where signs have been installed, there has been a noticeable decrease in train versus car incidents. [MN](#)