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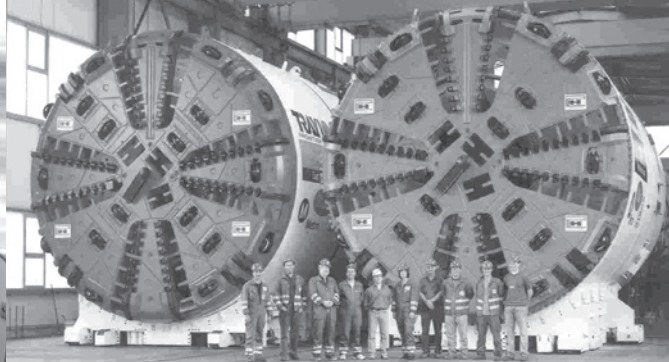
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Take a break this holiday season and let Metro ease your hectic schedule.



The tunnel boring machines for the Eastside Extension have a diameter of 21 feet and are 344 feet long.

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Here's a bright idea for getting through a hectic holiday season: Let Metro shuttle out-of-town guests, be your designated driver or ease your daily commute. Try the affordable Metro Day Pass and ride all day for only \$3. For happier holidays, Go Metro. [MN](#)

New Express Line Serving Norwalk/Long Beach/El Monte

New Metro Line 577X pulls out all the stops between Norwalk and Long Beach or El Monte.

Using freeway car pool lanes from the Metro Green Line station in Norwalk, it's only about 20 minutes to CSULB and VA Long Beach Healthcare, and about 30 minutes to the El Monte Transit Center.

Service is frequent. Line 577X departs weekdays every 20 minutes during peak periods and every 30 minutes during the off-peak.

Try it free! Ride 577X for free on December 19 and 20, 2005, and for the reduced price of \$1.25 each time you board December 21-31, 2005.

Regular cash fare begins Monday, January 1, 2006: \$1.75 to or from Norwalk, and \$2.25 between Long Beach and El Monte. For more information about passes and other fare options, visit [metro.net](#). [MN](#)

Eastside Begins Rail Tunneling

Two 1,000-ton boring machines are being put in place in Boyle Heights to begin tunneling for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension. The six-mile-long rail line includes a 1.8-mile tunnel and two underground stations. It will connect Union Station with communities in East LA when it opens in 2009. [MN](#)

Western Avenue Gets Fast And Frequent Metro Rapid

The Metro Rapid network is expanding December 19 to serve Western Avenue between Hollywood and the Metro Green Line.

New Rapid Line 757 will operate along Western between the Red Line Hollywood/Western Station and the Green Line Crenshaw Station. It will also serve the Red Line station at Wilshire/Western. See [metro.net](#) for details. [MN](#)

Use 888.950.SAFE, The Metro Sheriff Hotline

Use phone numbers 888.950.SAFE (7233) or 323.563.5000 for the fastest response to any emergency or security issues on Metro Bus or Metro Rail.

The numbers provide a direct link to the LA Sheriff's transit dispatch center. Calls made to emergency line 911 must be rerouted from another agency and there may be a delay in response. That's why the sheriff's hotline is your best choice. [MN](#)

Go Metro to...

Get \$1 Off Skating Session At LA Kings Downtown On Ice

Come to the coolest place in LA for the holidays. For the eighth season, Pershing Square in downtown LA has been transformed into the Southland's largest outdoor skating rink for the LA Kings Downtown On Ice, now through January 16.

Show off your skating skills during an hour-long skating session (get \$1 off the \$6 session with coupon below); attend free hockey clinics by the LA Kings; see the holiday concert series, Winter Holiday Festival or special Disney On Ice presentation.

LA Kings Downtown On Ice is open daily, including holidays, and is presented by the LA City Department of Recreation & Parks and the LA Kings. For complete information, call 888.LA.PARKS or visit [laparks.org](#). [MN](#)

It's Become A Tradition: See The Rose Parade On The Gold Line

Join those who discovered the easiest way to get to Pasadena's Annual Tournament of Roses – Metro Rail.

More and more parade viewers are avoiding the traffic and parking hassles each year by using the fast and convenient Metro Gold Line. The Memorial Park, Del Mar, Lake and Allen stations are all just a short walk from the parade route.

The Gold Line will run overnight New Year's Day, with trains running as often as every 8 minutes beginning at 6 am on Monday, January 2.

Special shuttles to the float viewing area in Victory Park will be running from the Sierra Madre Villa Station following the parade. The shuttle will run from 12:30 pm to 3 pm on the day of the parade and from 7 am to 3 pm on Tuesday, January 3. See [metro.net](#) for travel connections. [MN](#)

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LA's Outdoor Ice Skating Rink

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