

## Red Car Trolley Line Starts Service, July 19, in San Pedro

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(May 20, 2003) If all goes well, the long-awaited Waterfront Red Car Line will open, July 19, at the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro.

With a tooting of horns and a clanging of bells, two shiny red trolley cars are scheduled to inaugurate passenger service over a 1.5-mile route between the Cruise Terminal on the north and 22nd Street near the south end of the harbor.

Trolley No. 1058 is a vintage 1907 vehicle that recently completed a two-year restoration to mint condition. Trolley No. 501 was constructed as a replica of a 1902 Red Car. The cars are currently undergoing pre-revenue testing.



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Bright and shiny, newly built Trolley No. 501 and restored 1907 Trolley No. 1058 are expected to begin service, July 19, at the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro.

All that's needed after that, according to the Port's Red Car project manager, Bob Henry, is Public Utilities Commission approval of the trolley cars. Approval is expected in June.

The Red Car Line is a \$10 million Port-funded project to upgrade tourist services at the harbor. San Pedro merchants hope the trolleys will be a major attraction for the thousands of cruise passengers and other tourists who converge on the harbor each weekend.

### Friday through Monday service

Following opening day, regular Red Car service will be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday through Monday. Six motormen will operate the trains and provide historical commentary.



Red Car Motorman Jay Radinsky is ready to welcome passengers on Trolley No. 501. Once in service, the line will operate Friday through Monday. The line will serve four

A \$1 ticket will be good all day on both the Red Cars and on connecting rubber-tire trolleys that circulate in San Pedro's business district and the Ports O' Call.

The first phase of the Red Car project features four trolley stations – at the Cruise Terminal, the Maritime Museum, Ports O' Call and at 22nd and Miner streets.

A second phase envisions stations at the 22nd Street Landing, the Hilton Hotel and at the historic Bath House at Cabrillo Beach.

"We're essentially a tourist line," says Henry. "We want to provide a ride that's enjoyable, reliable and safe."

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