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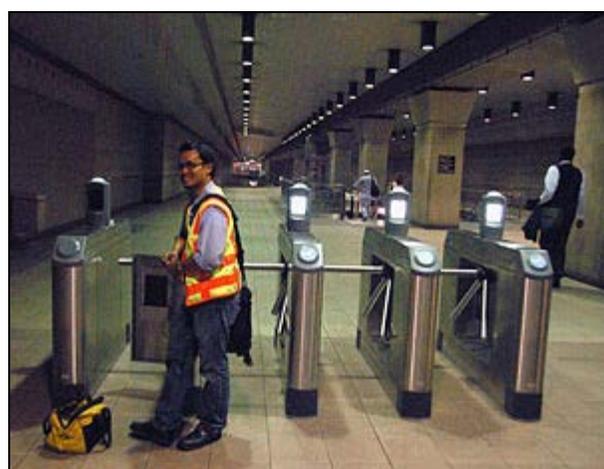
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An additional gate specially designed to accommodate patron-operated devices such as wheelchairs, strollers, walkers and bicycles was installed Tuesday at the west entrance to the Metro Red and Purple Line at Union Station. The gate features a 40-inch wide berth, twice the size of the standard 20-inch entry.

Contractor Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc., headquartered in San Diego, is a leading turnkey solution provider of automated fare collection systems for public transport including bus, bus rapid transit, light rail, commuter rail, heavy rail, ferry and parking. At left, Cubic technician Tuang Nguy checks the software that operates the fare collection system newly installed at Union Station.

*Photos: Gayle Anderson*



**Metro Installing Turnstile Fare Gates at Four Subway Stations**

(Aug. 4, 2009) Metro has begun installing turnstile fare gates at four Metro Red/Purple Line subway stations and will monitor progress to make sure passenger traffic moves smoothly while still achieving the goals of preventing fare evasion and improving transit station security.

Turnstile fare gates are being installed at Wilshire/Normandie,

Union Station, Westlake and Pershing Square subway stations. Staff will assist passengers as they get accustomed to the gates, which will be set to “free spin” until patrons become familiar with entering stations through a physical barrier.



Tapping into Metro Rail — Metro intern Alex Sanchez, above, taps into Union Station. Below, passenger enters turnstile at Wilshire/Normandie Station turnstile.

The barrier system is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). During the period of equipment installation, the special ADA gates will remain open to permit disabled persons and patron-operated devices such as wheelchairs, strollers, walkers and bicycles to have clear access to the paid areas of the stations. Separate emergency access gates also are being installed to comply with fire-life safety regulations.



Photo by Luis Inzunza

This fall, CEO Art Leahy will report monitoring results of the limited installations to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors. If all goes well, Metro will proceed with installing a total of 379 fare gates in all stations on the subway and Metro Green Line and key light rail stations on the Metro Blue and Gold lines. Installation is intended to be completed in six to eight months in early 2010.

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