

# Orange Line festivities, free rides draw midday crowds

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Metro Orange Line extension to Chatsworth project manager Hitesh Patel, center, and John Parker, chairman of United Chambers of Commerce, join the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce for the ribbon-cutting at Canoga Station as the community welcomes the new four-mile extension of the Metro Orange Line. Photo by Dave Sotero.

Metro and the West Valley communities are celebrating the opening of the Orange Line Extension today. Festivities continue to 4 p.m. and include food trucks, live music and community booths.



Chatsworth folks staged a ribbon cutting with Los Angeles City Councilman Mitch Englander, center, and Orange Line Transportation Manager Gary Spivack. To Spivack's right is Hitesh Patel, who directed the construction of the Orange Line Extension, and, at far left, is California Congressman Howard Berman. Photo by Dave Sotero.

At the Canoga Station, check out the community booths, food trucks, a group bicycle ride with Valley Bikery and live performances by Vocal Percussion Radio, Two Dogs Band, Tripletrouble, West 79th Street Funk Jazz Band

At the Chatsworth Station, there's community booths, food trucks, a petting zoo and pony rides for children provided by The Farm. Also, live performances are presented by Cowboy Palace – Country Gone Awry and Coldwater Canyon – and Metro Express.

Rides on the Orange Line Extension from Canoga Station to Chatsworth Station are free both today and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Regular fares apply on all other Metro Rail, Metro Rapid and Metro Local lines.

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