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MTA HOSTS SNEAK PREVIEW OF METRO GREEN LINE ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY - FREE RIDES FOR THE PUBLIC

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority will host a sneak preview celebration for the Metro Green Line on St. Patrick's Day at the line's I-605 Station in Norwalk. The event will include free rides for the public.

"This kick-off event will be the first public opportunity to take a look at the newest rail system in Los Angeles," said Franklin White, chief executive officer of the MTA. "Scheduled to open this summer, the Metro Green Line is being built to help accommodate the future travel needs of Los Angeles. It will serve the public for the next 100 years."

Marketing Action Groups from communities along the Green Line alignment are involved in the planning of the March 17th, St. Patrick's Day ride. They will also plan other events over the next few months culminating in special opening-day celebrations. The marketing groups are made up of local officials, chambers of commerce, business leaders, and civic and community representatives.

On March 17, the public will gather at the parking lot of the I-605/I-105 Green Line Station in Norwalk. The lot is located just south of Imperial Highway

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on Hoxie. Features include shamrocks, Irish music, costumed-dancers, leprechauns, a high school band, booths with local vendors, and Travis the Owl, the MTA mascot who brings rail safety messages to students along Los Angeles' Metro Rail lines. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with addresses from civic leaders scheduled for noon.

The Green Line extends 20 miles from the I-605 Freeway in Norwalk to Marine Avenue in Redondo Beach, and has 14 stations. Once the line is completed, the trip from end to end will take approximately 35 minutes. Most of the alignment runs down the center of the I-105 Glenn Anderson Freeway. At Imperial/Aviation the line curves three-and-one-half miles south through El Segundo to Redondo Beach on its own elevated guideway.

This summer, Green Line riders will be able to make connections to LAX, Hollywood Park, The Forum, El Segundo Employment area, the Metro Blue and Red Lines and the Harbor Freeway Transitway. Buses also will connect Green Line passengers to Orange and San Diego County Metrolink and AMTRAK service at the new Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Transportation Center, set to open this summer.

The Metro Green Line is 94% complete. Initially, trains will operate from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., every seven-and-one-half minutes during rush hours.

"Bus and shuttle connections to the Green Line are a priority," White said. "We are preparing a bus/rail interface plan that will establish a network of bus and shuttles to serve each station."

The Metro Green Line will bring the number of operating Metro Rail miles to 46, and the number of stations to 39.

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