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MTA'S METRO RAIL LINKS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE TO MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

MTA's Metro Rail system spans nearly 60 miles and extends the reach of millions of Southern Californians and tourists to a host of "must see" attractions located within walking distance of several Metro Rail stations.

MTA operates three Metro Rail lines that include the Metro Red Line subway system, a 17.4-mile underground system that stretches from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles through the Central Business District to Hollywood, Universal City and North Hollywood in the San Fernando Valley.

In addition MTA operates the Metro Blue Line, a 22-mile rail line that runs between Los Angeles and Long Beach, and the Metro Green Line, a 20-mile line that operates between El Segundo and Norwalk. Both the Metro Blue and Green lines are above ground light rail systems.

Located in the center of Hollywood, the Hollywood/Highland Station of the Metro Red Line sits at the doorstep of TrizecHahn's multi-million dollar entertainment and retail complex which includes the permanent site of the annual Academy Awards presentation, movie theaters, a hotel, stores and restaurants.

Nearby, stand Mann's Chinese Theater, Egyptian Theater, El Capitan Theater, the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood Wax Museum, CrossRoads of the Worlds and the Hollywood Bowl.

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The entertainment value of the Metro Red Line subway doesn't stop there. The Universal City Station is located across the street from the entrance to the Universal Studios complex, which make Metro Rail a preferred mode of travel for many visitors to Universal Studios & Tours, CityWalk and the Universal Amphitheater.

In addition the Metro Red Line provides convenient access to the Pantages Theater, The Palace, and the world famous Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Equally accessible are major attractions and entertainment venues within easy walking distance to the Metro Blue and Green lines. Among the attractions accessible by the Metro Blue Line are the Watts Towers, Staples Center, LA Convention Center, Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, Shoreline Village, Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific, the Terrace Theater and the Queen Mary.

The Metro Blue Line connects easily to the Metro Green Line whose Aviation Station is just a 5-minute ride by shuttle bus to Los Angeles International Airport.

Using the Metro Rail system, complemented by a fleet of more than 2,000 Metro Buses that operate on a daily bases, visitors and residents alike can easily access these and other destinations. To map out a trip visit MTA's web site at www.mta.net and use the interactive Metro Trip Planner.

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METRO ART TOURS: The Metro Art Docent Council offers art tours of various sections of the Metro Rail light rail and subway transit system. The tours are free; advance reservations for groups of 15 or more are required. Tours meet at Union Station or at one of the 50 Metro Rail stations along the nearly 60-mile transit system, and visit several sites during a two-hour period. The 50 Metro Rail stations and the Gateway Transit Center feature the work of artists commissioned to enhance the transit system in one of the country's largest and most celebrated public art programs. Free. Book a tour: Metro Art Docent Council (213) 922-2738. Information: (213) 922-4ART or visit Metro Art on the internet at www.mta.net/metroart.