

'M' STANDS FOR METRO RAIL



A NEW SIGN OF THE TIMES — The new Metro M logo for identifying rail system lines in Los Angeles County has been introduced. Officiating at the unveiling ceremonies held at the 103rd Street Station of the soon-to-be running Los Angeles to Long Beach Blue Line light rail route are, from left, Long Beach City Councilman Ray Grabinski, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Joan Milke Flores, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and RTD Board President Gordana Swanson.

The new "Metro M" logo, the emblem that will designate stations, vehicles and information materials for the 150-mile rail transit system in Los Angeles County, has been introduced.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, RTD Board President Gordana Swanson, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Joan Milke Flores and Long Beach Councilman Ray Grabinski officially unveiled the logo February at the 103rd Street Station along the route of the Los Angeles to Long Beach light rail system scheduled to begin operations this July.

The Metro logo will be color-coded to identify each line of the countywide system. The Los Angeles to Long Beach light rail system, called the Blue Line, will be identified by the Metro M logo set on a field of blue. In Los Angeles, the Metro Red Line subway being constructed from Union Station to North Hollywood will feature a red background. And the light rail system being built down the center median of the Glenn Anderson (Century) Freeway is designated the Green Line, featuring the Metro M with a green background.

The Metro M logo was designed by Anne Roubideaux, art director of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

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RTD OPERATORS TRAINING FOR BLUE LINE START-UP

Forty veteran RTD bus drivers are currently being taught to take the controls of the most modern electric rail vehicles in the nation.

They are completing a four-week training course in operating the Metro Blue Line, the 22-mile rail line linking Long Beach and Los Angeles which the RTD will begin operating in mid-July.

A special media inspection of the training program was held recently at the Blue Line's Del Amo station in Carson, with the press provided train rides between the station and the maintenance rail yard some two miles away. Also accompanying the operators for the occasion were two former Pacific Electric Red Car operators and a former PE ticket agent, all of whom are now RTD employees.

Part of the training course includes some 20 hours aboard the trains under the supervision of RTD's rail operations superintendent Paul O'Brien, who comes to the district after ten years experience with the Buffalo and Chicago rail systems. O'Brien



was instrumental in the start-up of Buffalo's light rail system.

"The group of operators selected by the District is an elite one, and one made up of men and women who are thrilled to be at the helm of the trains when they roll again in Los Angeles for the first time

in nearly three decades," said Gordana Swanson, RTD Board President.

"I am secure in knowing that our train operators will deliver us to our destinations safely and on time."

PERDON NAMED TO HEAD RTD TRANSIT SYSTEMS

Albert H. Perdon has been appointed RTD Assistant General Manager of Transit Systems Development.

Perdon, of Cerritos, has been with the RTD since 1982 and most recently served as assistant general manager for planning and public affairs.

"Mr. Perdon brings to his new position more than 20 years of experience with transportation agencies," said Alan F. Pegg, RTD General Manager.

"His qualifications and dedication ensure that the Metro Rail project will run smoothly and that the coordination between the project and newly formed Rail Construction Corporation (RCC) will be complete," said Pegg.

Perdon replaces Robert J.

Murray, who had assumed the position on an interim basis in December.

Before joining the RTD, Perdon served 16 years in various management positions with local and state transportation agencies including the Los Angeles Downtown People Mover Authority, the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, Commuter Transportation Services, Inc., and the California Department of Transportation.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in engineering from California State University, Long Beach. A registered civil engineer, Perdon is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and has been a leader

in helping establish public transportation locally and nationally.



ALBERT H. PERDON



RTD INTRODUCES RCC APPOINTEES — The three RTD appointees to the board of directors of the recently-formed Rail Construction Corporation (RCC) were formally introduced at the future site of the Westlake/MacArthur Park Metro Red Line subway station under construction near downtown Los Angeles. Pictured, from left, at the introduction are James T. Pott, a project consultant from Long Beach; Glendale resident Robert E. Kruse, president of Kruse Construction in Sun Valley; Herbert L. Carter, executive vice chancellor of the California State University system; RTD Board President Gordana Swanson; RTD Director Kenneth Thomas.

RTD APPOINTS RCC BOARD MEMBERS

Robert E. Kruse, James T. Pott and Herbert L. Carter have been appointed to represent the RTD on the board of the recently created Rail Construction Corporation (RCC), a subsidiary of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC). The RCC is responsible for planning and administering all rail construction projects in Los Angeles County.

"The Board conducted a thorough search and I am convinced that we found the best possible people for the RCC," said RTD Board President Gordana Swanson. "These men have demonstrated their concern with

the local transportation situation and their willingness to pursue what they believe to be the most prudent course for its future."

Kruse, of Glendale, is a graduate of the University of Southern California and president of Kruse Construction, Sun Valley. For 15 years he was general superintendent and part owner of MacDonald Kruse Constuction, forming his own company in 1968.

His firm has built \$147 million in heavy construction projects with a specialty in flood control, highways, soil stabilization and tunneling, including work for the BART in San Francisco. The firm

also built two stations with connecting tunnels for the Metropolitan Transit Authority in Washington, D.C.

Pott, of Long Beach, is the owner of James Pott & Co. and serves as a development consultant.

A Stanford University graduate, Pott is a civil engineer whose experience spans numerous public works projects. He spent 18 years with Santa Clara County, serving as the director of the Santa Clara County Transportation Agency responsible for all transit, airports, and highways.

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METRO RAIL CONSTRUCTION SAFETY RANKS AMONG THE BEST

More than 5.25 million manhours have been spent digging tunnels and stations beneath downtown Los Angeles since the Metro Red Line subway project broke ground in September 1986, without a single death or maiming injury.

"In view of the complexity and unique hazards presented by tunneling beneath a city the size of Los Angeles, we are extremely proud of RTD's construction safety team for the exemplary safety record it has achieved," said RTD General Manager Alan F. Pegg.

"We want to acknowledge the subway workers, whose cooperation with and adherence to our rigorous safety standards made this remarkable achievement happen," said Pegg.

In the profession of tunnel digging, industry norms are that if a project experiences one fatality per one million manhours, or each mile of tunnel dug, it has a good safety record. By comparison, the English Channel Tunnel Project has had nine fatalities in 21.6 miles of digging, while the Helms Creek, Calif., Hydroelectric Project

with six miles of tunnels, shafts and underground chambers resulted in ten deaths before it was completed in the 1970s.

RTD's superior safety record has resulted in several millions of dollars in insurance rebates.

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Pott also spent six years as the city engineer for Long Beach, and served as vice president of O'Brien-Kreitzberg & Associates of Encino, as transportation consultant.

Carter, of Los Angeles, is executive vice chancellor of the California State University system, a post he has held since 1987. In that position, he serves as the focal point for guiding, coordinating and integrating policy formulation and program planning.

Carter's administrative experience spans 27 years, including service as executive director of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Rights and the Department of Human Relations for Los Angeles County.

After earning an undergraduate sociology degree from the University of Arkansas, Carter went on to obtain his doctorate in public administration from the University of Southern California. He has earned the city of Los Angeles' Distinguished Service Award and citations from the California State Legislature for community service.

The RCC is governed by a seven-member board represented by three appointees from the RTD, three from the LACTC, and a seventh member to be elected by a majority of the other six.



HIGH WIRE ACT — Railroad expert Walter "Bud" Moore checks the aerial cables that will propel the Metro Blue Line train along 22 miles of track between Los Angeles and Long Beach. The master electrician, who brings to RTD years of expertise with the Chicago Transit Authority, is rail facilities superintendent for the Blue Line, which RTD is scheduled to begin operating July 14.



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