

Gas Alarm Disrupts Subway Service; Responding Firefighters Detect No Gas

(November 9) A gas alarm at the Metro Red Line's Vermont/Santa Monica station disrupted subway service for about 42 minutes on the Hollywood line Tuesday morning, but responding LA City firefighters found no evidence of gas.

The alarm, which sounded at 6:24 a.m., halted service through the Vermont/Santa Monica station while firefighters investigated and walked portions of the tunnels with gas detection equipment. With no subway service between Wilshire/Vermont and Vermont/Sunset, Metro Buses took up the slack.

Service between Union Station and Wilshire/Western was not affected. Trains also provide 10-minute service to stations at Sunset, Western and Vine.

The alarm at Vermont/Santa Monica triggered warning lights and the station's huge exhaust fans. Firefighters detected no gas and no passengers complained of gas smells or ill effects. By 7 a.m., the event had ended and normal service resumed.

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