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Green Line to Get New P-2000 Rail Cars in July



(May 3) New buses. New bus service. A new subway segment. If all that weren't enough, the MTA is about to introduce the P-2000 -- a new type of rail car for the Metro Green Line.

Seventeen of the cars, painted white with gold stripes and featuring a swept-back nose, will gradually be placed into service during July alongside the current fleet of P-2020 Nippon cars.

"This will ensure that we will continue to have full service for the public during the transition," says Rail Activation Manager Bill McCann. The Nippon cars originally were built for use on the Metro Blue Line.

Working double shifts

Employees of the P-2000 manufacturer, Seimens, have been working double shifts to ensure that the cars are ready in time for the July revenue operating date (ROD).

Currently located in the MTA's rail yard in El Segundo, all cars have completed required static testing in the yard. Dates have been set during May and June for the cars to undergo acceptance testing with the rail signals group.

Once the Nippon cars are no longer needed on the Metro Green Line, they will be converted back to use on the Metro Blue Line. This will require a change in the cars' internal signaling systems.

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