

OPENING WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS WILL USHER IN AN ERA

(May 22) In a memo to all staff, Chief Operating Officer Allan Lipsky makes an offer employees may not want to refuse. In addition to a first-run official t-shirt, hat, pin and assorted collectibles in a goody bag, employees working one of the 300 volunteer staff positions to help usher in the Metro Red Line to North Hollywood and Metro Rapid Bus Service get to be part of history.

"I would like to personally extend an invitation to all employees to become a part of Grand Opening Weekend on June 24 and 25," wrote Lipsky. "You can share in the pride by working shoulder to shoulder with your colleagues to welcome and provide safe passage to a quarter of a million people who are expected to join the celebration by riding our trains and buses."

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A Moving Experience

Employees are needed to manage critical traffic stations in the areas of crowd control, safe-boarding for patrons, including access for patrons with disabilities, and bus-rail interface.

Indeed, the Grand Opening weekend on June 24 and 25 is history in the making. The opening of the a new 6.3 mile extension of the Metro Red Line subway from Hollywood to Universal City and North Hollywood will be the capstone of a rail rapid transit system crisscrossing Los Angeles County.

Opening weekend events will celebrate the three new stations at Hollywood/Highland, Universal City and Lankershim/Chandler in North Hollywood.

Reserve Your Place in History

Public Affairs Acting Manager Lynda Bybee suggests that employees may want to reserve their volunteer station as soon as possible. "We have only 300 positions available so participation will be on a first-come, first-serve basis."

Event coordinators and station managers will provide details for participation. To make your commitment now, contact [Lynda Bybee](#) by e-mail or leave a message with Denise Charles at 922-7408.

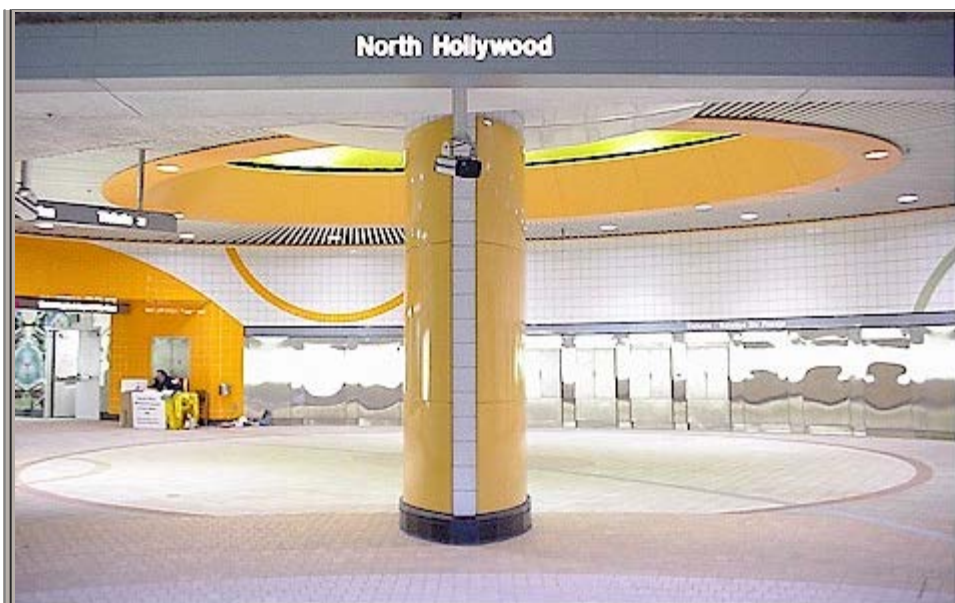
Pick your venue now while the getting is good:



In the heart of Hollywood's historic district, Hollywood Boulevard will be closed for a Saturday session with the hot new jazz club, the Knitting Factory, at the **Hollywood Highland Station**.



At the Universal City Station, appetizing samples of thrills and fun will abound courtesy of one of the world's most popular theme parks, the Universal Studios Tour and City Walk.



Surrounding the North Hollywood Station, the NoHo Arts Festival will celebrate the culture of the Los Angeles region as well as providing the inside scoop on TV production with spectacular interactive displays provided by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. PHOTOS BY GAYLE ANDERSON

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