

Metro Green Line's Division 22 to be Fully Activated in July

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(May 31) Division 22 - the operations and maintenance yard for the Metro Green Line - will be fully activated by July 1 on a seven-day, 24-hour basis.

The current plan calls for some 28 light-rail cars, 41 operations staff members and a maintenance crew of 27 to be based at the division. Rail operators and division staff, along with a group of Siemens P-2000 rail cars, will begin moving into the fully activated division on Saturday, June 24.

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Built to be ready for full occupancy when service on the Metro Green Line began in August, 1995, the division has largely been used as the delivery and make-ready site for the new P-2000 cars. Rail cars for the east-west line have been maintained and operators have been dispatched out of Division 11, the Metro Blue Line yard.

Decision saved millions

"Since we were operating only 15 cars on the Metro Green Line, we decided we could operate them out of Division 11," says Ralph de la Cruz, deputy executive officer, Rail Operations. "That decision has saved the MTA \$1.5 million a year in operating costs for the past five years."

The MTA's fleet management plan calls for operating 28 cars on the Metro Green Line in FY 2001, which begins July 1. Initially, the fleet will be a combination of Siemens P-2000 cars and Sumitomo P-2020 cars. Gradually, says de la Cruz, the P-2000 cars will replace all the P-2020 cars on the line.

Plans for staffing Division 22 indicate the facility will have an assistant transportation manager, 34 rail operators, five rail supervisors and a clerk. Division 11 transportation manager, Duane Martin, also will oversee Division 22 transportation operations.

The maintenance staff at Division 22 will include two maintenance supervisors, 16 rail maintenance specialists, eight service attendants and a maintenance instructor. A maintenance manager has not yet been selected.

Facility required upgrades

Bringing Division 22 - located in Hawthorne at 14724 Aviation Blvd. - to full activation has required some upgrades, says Don Ott, director, Facilities Maintenance.

His team of electricians, air conditioning technicians and plumbers has been working since early May to install cabling and electrical fittings for computers and other equipment, air and water lines, a rail car washer and steel drain covers in the yard.

Carpenters also constructed a special room to house the operator scheduling and payroll computer system. Information Technology Systems technicians will install communication lines and computers.

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