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(Sept. 19) Only two regular MTA lines were in operation again Tuesday. Lines 96 and 167, which serve the San Fernando Valley, were being operated by an MTA contractor.

Metrolink and a second MTA contractor were providing service on Line 888, the "Red Line Emulator," for commuter rail passengers arriving at Union Station. The line is divided into two routes, with 22 20-foot buses assigned to the "A" route, which serves subway stops as far west as Westlake/MacArthur Park. The "B" route, with eight full-sized buses, takes passengers as far as the 7th and Metro station.

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"Reaction from riders has been positive so far," says Martha Butler, a transportation planning manager who is coordinating Line 888 service. "Most are grateful they have transportation to get them downtown." Butler is out each morning at 5 a.m. to oversee the bus service and the activities of some 20 MTA Ambassadors.

### **Board committees cancelled**

The MTA Board cancelled its September committee meetings, originally scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, and forwarded all items to the full Board meeting, Thursday, Sept. 28.

Employees responded enthusiastically to the offer of free September monthly passes. Revenue Director Agapito Diaz announced that the passes will be issued at the Customer Relations desk on the Plaza Level between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day. Wendy Davis is in charge of distributing passes.

In addition to calling 1-800-COMMUTE for information, employees and passengers also can call 1-800-286-RIDE. By phoning this number, operated by the Southern California Association of Governments, a caller can get information about alternatives to MTA service.

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