


MTA Mosaic Public Affairs Tours Combine Fun and Safety
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Starring, in order of appearance...
A Union Pacific train was used during the Officer-on-a-Train Project. More than 100 train safety violations were reported including 92 vehicular grade crossing violations and 24 trespassing incidents.
Transportation Operations Supervisor David Woods demonstrates how the MTA bus dispatch center uses computer technology in monitoring the bus fleet for a group of computer students from Bunkyo Women's University, Saitama Prefecture, Japan, on Thursday, Feb. 22.
At the Rosa Parks Imperial-Wilmington Metro Blue Line Station, Director of Rail Operations Safety Vijay Khawani welcomes law enforcement officers from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol, who participated in the Officer-on-a-Train safety project on Wednesday, Feb. 21. As part of the rail safety education campaign, officers traveled on a Union Pacific train between Los Angeles and Compton and reported vehicle and pedestrian crossing and trespassing violations to field units for follow-up and investigation.
Transportation Operations Supervisor Mark Solomon talks about the MTA's bus fleet during a transit workshop held on Wednesday, March 7, at Los Angeles City College near the Vermont/Santa Monica Metro Red Line Station. The workshop addressed safety near train tracks and using the Metrorail system and MTA bus lines to get to campus.
Students from Sherman Oaks Elementary School toured the east portal of Union Station on Friday, March 23.
Santa Clarita visitors from Leona Cox School toured the city and Pershing Square Station on Friday, Feb. 16. At Union Station the students, teachers and parents received a pedestrian safety talk and train safety souvenirs from MTA staff.
Train safety volunteer Jess Godinez talked about train safety facts to students at Grape Street School near the Rosa Parks Imperial Wilmington Metro Blue Line Station on Wednesday, Feb. 21.
At the east portal of Union Station, Chinese visitors from Beijing

take a rest next to the historical artifacts from Los Angeles' first Chinatown on Tuesday, Feb. 27. The visitors, who represented highway construction agencies, learned about the MTA's public transit mission, and the safety and security features of Metrorail.

Third graders from Ascot Avenue Elementary School wave hello in front of the pedestrian tunnel at the east portal of Union Station on Monday, March 5. The students, whose school is a block away from the Vernon Metro Blue Line Station, toured Metrorail to learn about the safety and security features of the system.

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