

## **Track Reconstruction at 7th/Metro Will Permit 3-Car Metro Blue Line Trains**

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(July 10, 2001) – The MTA is set to begin reconstruction of tracks on the Metro Blue Line level of the 7th/Metro station to accommodate three-car trains.

Adding extra cars to the Metro Blue Line trains will increase capacity and reduce passenger crowding during times the line typically operates at, or above, capacity.



Boarding the Blue Line at 7th/Metro Station PHOTO: JOSÉ UBALDO

Work on the \$1.237 million project will begin, July 16, to move the crossover track, located just north of the station, closer to the platforms. The relocation of the crossover will, in effect, lengthen the "tail track."

The tail track isn't long enough to allow a three-car train arriving on one track to be positioned on the opposite track for the return trip south, as is now the usual procedure for two-car trains during weekday rush hours.

The MTA will make every effort to minimize any inconvenience to passengers during construction, which may include slight delays in the arrival and departure of trains.

### **Departure schedules to vary**

On weekdays, trains will depart the 7th/Metro station from both platforms on an alternating basis between 5 a.m. and 9:20 a.m. and between 4 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. During the remainder of the service day, and on Saturdays and Sundays, trains will depart from their usual location – Platform 2 – located on the Figueroa Street side of the station.

A total of 21 television monitors – 16 on the Metro Red Line platform and five on the two Metro Blue Line platforms – will help passengers find the appropriate platform for the next departing Metro Blue Line train. Messages will be written in both English and Spanish.

Access to the station will not be affected during construction, which is expected to be completed in October 2001. All stairways and elevators will remain operational, and Metro Rail representatives will be stationed on both levels to assist passengers.

In addition, printed signs will identify the two Metro Blue Line tracks by number. Other signs will direct passengers to the two platforms. New timetables will be issued a week prior to start of construction.

Passengers should add a few minutes to their usual travel time during the construction period in the event of delays or if it becomes necessary for the MTA to position their train on the opposite track prior to departure.

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