



New stairway connects the Metro Green Line mezzanine with the south end of the Metro Blue Line platform at the Rosa Parks station. PHOTO BY BILL HEARD

New Stairs Installed at Rosa Parks Station

- **Platform Project Nearing Completion**

(July 24, 2001) A graceful new stairway with wrought-iron balustrades is now in use at the Rosa Parks Metro Rail station. The stair was built as part of the Metro Blue Line platform extension project.

Lengthening the platform and building a second stairway relieves a potential safety hazard at the station, according to construction project manager Tom Lee.

Northbound Metro Blue Line trains now can be positioned to avoid crowding around a single stairway. Patrons transferring between that line and the Metro Green Line now have two options for moving between the lower-level and upper-level stations.

The stairway – a change to the original platform project – was completed under its \$100,000 budget.

Meanwhile, the platform extension project is substantially complete, says Lee. LADOT is reworking railway and traffic signals in the Washington Boulevard – Flower Street area to accommodate three-car trains.

With new hardware and software installed, LADOT wants to test the new signals for 60 days before giving the go-ahead for three-car operation. Similar signals in Long Beach are expected to need only minor adjustments to accommodate the new service.

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