

Israeli Transportation Minister Tours Metro System



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Chief Operating Officer Allan Lipsky conducted a tour of the Metro system for Israeli Minister of Transportation Ephraim Sneh on Sunday, Sept. 9, that included a sneak preview of the new home for the Oscars in Hollywood. The minister and his entourage toured the Metro Red and Blue lines and viewed the Metro Rapid bus operation on Wilshire Boulevard. Sneh was particularly interested in seeing the joint development project at the Hollywood/Highland station where a mega-entertainment complex will open in November on land leased from the MTA. Because Israel is planning a light-rail line, Sneh was interested in how MTA financed construction of its rail lines. Sneh and Lipsky also discussed how the MTA ensures safe operation in mixed traffic. During the time the entourage was riding the Red Line, a moderate earthquake struck the Hollywood area. Sneh was impressed that his party wasn't even aware of the quake until they were advised of it after the tour had ended.

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