



Silver Lake residents Bob and Roberta Stone hop aboard Line 201 bound for Metro Red Line Wilshire/Vermont Station.

## 20 Months, 19 Days

### Operators are Accident-Free on Division 3's Line 201

(Sept. 19, 2001) For the past 20 months and 19 days, the Division 3 operators who drive Line 201 as it snakes its way from LA to Glendale to Eagle Rock have not had a single traffic accident. Not a fenderbender. Not a dint.

That's seven days a week for more than 300,000 long, hard miles without a scrape. Accident free for the 20-plus month period between Jan. 1, 2000 and Sept. 19, 2001.

"This safety records shows that the operators on Line 201 are conscientious, caring and diligent in the performance of their duties," says Transit Operations Chief Richard Hunt. "Their safety record speaks for itself."



Senior Operator Benjamin Walker of Division 3 frequently drives Line 201.

"Line 201 goes through some narrow streets and the operators have to be very careful," says Don Karlson, Division 3 assistant transportation manager. "A lot of skill is involved and hazards to be overcome. It's a great accomplishment and we're very proud of the operators."

#### A circuitous course

Heading north from Wilshire/Vermont, Line 201 hangs a right on Beverly, then heads northeast into Silver Lake. It crosses the I-5 and passes through Atwater Village en route to Glendale. Jogging past the Glendale Galleria, the line begins a westerly course into Eagle Rock and its terminus at Glenoaks Park.

Twenty months without a traffic accident "is pretty unusual," says Matthew Barrett, chief administrative analyst, who compiled the statistics for Transportation Administration. Only two other Metro Bus lines have come close to Division 3's record for Line 201.

Operators on Division 8's Line 161 (Westlake Village/Agoura Hills) had only two unavoidable accidents in the past 13 months while posting some 365,000 miles. Operators on Division 18's Line 119 (108th

Street/Lynwood) drove some 234,000 miles in 13 months with only two unavoidable accidents.

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