

KABC-TV to Broadcast Metro Rail Updates Beginning Nov. 26

(Nov. 21, 2001) A second television news program – KABC-TV's "Eyewitness News This Morning" – will begin broadcasting Metro Rail reports, Monday, Nov. 26.

Channel 7 anchors David Ono and Ellen Leyva will introduce the rail service updates during the morning show's traffic reports. Eyewitness News This Morning airs from 5 until 7 a.m., weekdays.

Earlier this month, KVEA-TV, Channel 52, began providing Metro Rail reports during its "Buenos Dias" morning news show. The station provides as many as 16 Spanish-language updates during its two-hour broadcast.

"The agreement with KABC-TV is more good news for Los Angeles-area commuters," said Marc Littman, director, MTA Public Relations. "Now, Metro Rail passengers can get regular updates on train service from two of the region's most heavily watched morning news programs."

Senior supervisors at the MTA's Rail Operations Center will provide information on morning rail service through frequent contacts with Channel 7 editors. Information will include whether trains are on schedule or delayed, the location and estimated time of delays and alternative bus service provided by the MTA.

José Ubaldo, senior communications officer, MTA Media Relations, coordinated the agreement with both KVEA and KABC.

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