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[HQ Ceremony Honors Metro Patrons Who Responded to Survey](#) (March 29, 2002) The MTA thanked the 50,000 or so Metro patrons, Thursday, who participated in the largest passenger survey ever conducted in Southern California – a survey the agency will use to focus its service improvements.

[Court Raises MTA's Award from Tutor Lawsuit to \\$63 Million](#) (March 28, 2002) A Superior Court judge has ordered the construction joint venture Tutor-Saliba-Perini (TSP), its various entities, and bonding companies to pay \$21.7 million in attorney fees that the MTA incurred as the result of a lawsuit filed by TSP related to its role in building the Metro Red Line.

[Navy Jets Have MTA, Downtown Ducking for Cover](#) (March 27, 2002) Two loud roars that shook the MTA about 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, and had Headquarters employees ducking for cover – did you hear 'em? Never mind, it was just a couple of Navy jets practicing fly-bys for opening day at Dodger Stadium.

[Dispatcher Training: Improving Safety, Communication with Bus Operators, Police](#) (March 26, 2002) In a major effort to improve safety aboard Metro Buses through better communication with bus operators and law enforcement officers, the MTA is providing every dispatcher in Bus Operations Control with 128 hours of intensive training.

[Metro Ridership Up on All Fronts; Subway Boardings Soar](#) (March. 22, 2002) Metro System ridership is up on all fronts, Deputy CEO John Catoe reported to the Board's Operations Committee this week, with "significant" increases in Metro Rail boardings.

[New Artwork Provides Seating for Patrons at 7th/Metro Station](#) (March 22, 2002) Three clusters of unique artist-designed benches now afford Metro Rail patrons a place to sit at the 7th and Metro station. Two clusters are located on the Metro Red Line platform and one on the west Metro Blue Line platform.

[Metrolink to Sell Tickets at East Portal Office](#) (March 21, 2002) Metrolink plans to begin ticket sales, Friday, from a window alongside the MTA's passenger information and ticket office in the East Portal of Union Station.

[MTA Introduces Universal Fare System at Transit Agency Workshop](#) (March 20, 2002) Representatives of local transit agencies got a full briefing, Monday, on the MTA's plans for a universal fare system that will use regional passes and "Smart Card" technology to achieve seamless travel throughout Los Angeles County.

[MTA Disappointed in Decision Denying Consent Decree Appeal](#) (March 19, 2002) The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to consider the MTA's appeal of the Consent Decree.

[Metro Green Line Track Work Will Cause Service Delays in April](#) (March 19, 2002) A construction project to modify the structure of the Metro Green Line tracks at the Harbor Freeway station is due to get underway Saturday, April 6.

[CNG Buses, Fueling Facility Come to El Monte Division 9](#) (March 15, 2002) The MTA used a media event at El Monte Division 9, today, to introduce the newest of its CNG coaches and to highlight the opening of a new fueling facility to serve the clean-air bus fleet.

[Gateway Media Event Launches Low-Income Tax Program](#) (March 14, 2002) Los Angeles City Council members Ed Reyes and Eric Garcetti were among the speakers at a Gateway news conference to kick off this year's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) campaign.

[Hollywood/Highland Metro Rail Station to Close for Academy Awards Event](#) (March 12, 2002) The Metro Red Line station at Hollywood and Highland will be closed all day Sunday, March 24, to accommodate the Academy Awards ceremony.

[MTA-Funded Project Will Improve Hawthorne Boulevard in Lawndale](#) (March 12, 2002) A portion of Hawthorne Boulevard in the City of Lawndale, between Rosecrans and Redondo Beach boulevards, is about to replace its "arterial sclerosis" for a faster, sportier look.

Courtesy is Contagious! Marketing has given a new look to safety messages in Metro Rail trains. Posters that illustrate a "Courtesy is Contagious" theme are designed to inspire transit riders to be courteous to others and avoid safety pitfalls while using transit.

MTA, Caltrans to Extend El Monte Busway Hov Lane on busy I-10 Freeway (March 4, 2002) MTA Board Chairman John Fasana joined civic leaders and local, state and federal officials to officially announce the extension of the El Monte Busway HOV lane from 11 miles to 14.2 miles.

General Managers Armijo and Gabig Now Responsible for Operating Divisions (March 1, 2002) David Armijo and Jack Gabig, the first of the new service sector general managers to begin work at the MTA, have assumed interim responsibility for the 11 operating divisions, Deputy CEO John Catoe has announced.

Metro Gold Line Aerial Guideway Nears Completion (March 1, 2002) The big, S-shaped aerial guideway that snakes its way north out of Union Station is now more than 96 percent complete. Next steps: Installation of the Metro Gold Line tracks and construction of the Chinatown station.

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- **Labor of Love Rewards Children.** **MTA Volunteers at Eastertime** (March 29, 2002) Thanks to the quick thinking and the big hearts at Crossroads Depot Division 2 and the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, the abused and neglected children spent Thursday with smiles on their faces and candy in their tummies.
- **Division Employee of the Month** Programs on the Rise
- **Division 10's Evelyn Frizelle** Retiring after Unusual Career at MTA
- **Arthur Winston Division 5** Celebrates Namesake's 96th Birthday
- **'Safety's First'** at West Valley Division 8
- **Kids Consider MTA During Los Cerritos School Career Day** (March 27, 2002) Stay in school, don't do drugs and keep our buses clean. That was the message 27 junior high school kids heard, March 22, when Deputy Executive Officer John Roberts and Crossroads Depot Division 2 Mechanic Jon Tena spoke during career day at Los Cerritos School in Paramount.
- **April is Earthquake Preparedness Month.**
- **Need a Resume?** HR Now Provides a Sample and Template
- **Lonnie Mitchell**, the MTA's Procurement executive officer, was honored as a recipient of the Purchasing Manager Award from the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce
- **Safety's First'** at Division 1
- **Sheriff's Traffic Education** Trailer to Visit Divisions
- **PROFILE** **New Communications Chief:** MTA Will Take Aggressive Stance to Tell its Story
- **Sector Development Quickens with Posting of Jobs, Specifics on Organization** (March 20, 2002) The pace of service sector development quickened perceptibly last week when Human Resources posted staff jobs open to eligible employees and Transit Operations outlined additional specifics of sector organization.
- **'Safety's First'** at West Hollywood Division 7
- **MTA Employees Share Experiences as Volunteers at 2002 Winter Olympics** (March 19, 2002) Not many of us want to say that we spent our vacations working.

But that's exactly what a bus operator, a mechanic and a train operator did – three of about 73 MTA employees who participated as volunteers, last month, at the Winter Olympics.

- [New Drug, Alcohol Rules Stress Safety](#); **Give Employees 'Benefit of the Doubt'** (March 15, 2002) Recent changes in federal drug and alcohol regulations covering such industries as mass transit include a heightened emphasis on safety.
- ['Safety's First'](#) at East San Fernando Valley Division 15
- [MTA Moves to Improve Comfort, Performance of Bus Operators' Seats](#) (March 13, 2002) One of the most common on-the-job complaints among bus operators is about the place where they work – in the drivers seat. For some, a shift spent behind the wheel can be a real pain in the back, in the neck, in the...well, you know.
- [MTA Launches Division Local Safety Committees](#) (March 13, 2002) More than 80 employees – including representatives from every operating division – were briefed, Tuesday, about the state of safety at the MTA. It was the official kickoff of the division Local Safety Committees (LSC).
- **MEDAL WINNERS** [MTA Marathoners](#) Face the Challenge of the 17th Annual L.A. Marathon
- ['Safety's First'](#) at El Monte Division 9
- Jerri McGlothorn is Purchasing's ['Buyer of the Quarter'](#)
- **Poetry of Poet's Corner...** [Poet's Corner Showcases Employees' Talent, Emotions](#) (March 1, 2002) Organized by the African American Employees Association (AAEA), the Poets Corner was one of the events held to celebrate Black History Month.
- **IN MEMORIAM** [Funeral Services](#) Set for Division 7's Janet Norwood

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