

Hollywood Celebrates New Metro Rail Late-Night Hours



^ A cast of characters representing Hollywood businesses and entertainment joined MTA Director Allison Yoh, Deputy CEO John Catoe and Hollywood Chamber President Leron Gubler at the media event.

MTA Director Allison Yoh told a Hollywood crowd that extending Metro Rail hours will provide more travel options.

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(Oct. 18, 2002) Hollywood celebrated MTA's announcement, today, that an extra hour will be added to Metro Red and Blue Line nighttime service beginning Sunday, Oct. 20.

Representatives from many of the businesses and entertainment venues near subway stations in Hollywood turned out at a media event to hear the announcement from MTA Director Allison Yoh and Deputy CEO John Catoe.

As a transit rider herself, Yoh said extending late-night hours will provide more travel options to Metro Rail patrons. "By extending Metro Rail hours, second-shift workers who work until midnight will be able to get home, while third-shift workers who start work at midnight can get to their jobs."

Catoe said the nighttime hours expansion came in response to requests for service to Hollywood, the Staples Center

and other entertainment venues.

Hollywood Chamber of Commerce President Leron Gubler noted that his organization lobbied for construction of the Metro Red Line. "The extra hours will make a big difference in encouraging people who are coming to Hollywood to consider the subway as a viable option."

Effective Sunday, Oct. 20, a full hour of service will be added to the late night schedules of the last north and southbound trains on the Metro Blue Line between Long Beach Transit Mall and downtown Los Angeles and the last eastbound Metro Red Line subway train from North Hollywood.

The last east and westbound Metro Red Line trains operating between Union Station and Wilshire/Western will leave 40 minutes later than currently scheduled. The last westbound Metro Red Line train from Union Station to North Hollywood departs 40 minutes later than currently scheduled.

On the Metro Green Line between Norwalk and El Segundo, the last eastbound train will leave 20 minutes later from the Marine/Redondo station and the westbound train from Norwalk will operate 10 minutes later.

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