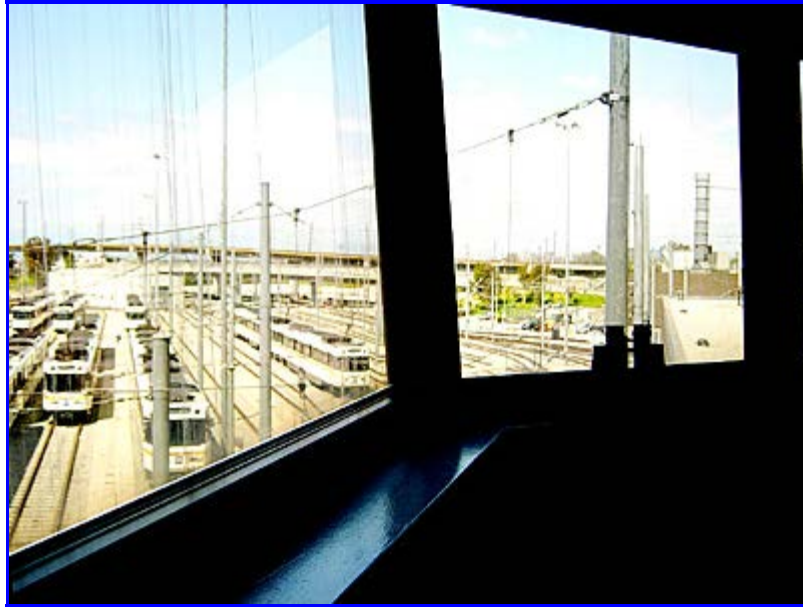


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A recent reconfiguration of the Metro Blue Line Operations Center created a panoramic view of the yard by eliminating a storage room wall. [Move mouse over image to see for yourself.](#)

Renovation Gives Metro Blue Line Tower a New Outlook

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(May 7, 2003) For 13 years, supervisors working in the Metro Blue Line Division 11 Operations Center tower had a limited view of the property – a problem that became increasingly troublesome over the years.

A recent reconfiguration of the Operations Center created a panoramic view of the yard by eliminating a storage room wall.

The new arrangement has proven to be a success for supervisors because they no longer have to deal with a partition standing between their work stations and their view of the property.

"They could not see operations in the yard," says Henry Castaneda, Division 11 assistant division transportation manager. "They had to run back and forth from the windows with radios."

During the construction, which began about three months ago, the storage area was gutted and a counter was installed. Most of the control tower renovations are complete, with the exception of a few touch-ups that will take place over the next few weeks.

Castaneda says that the reconfiguration helps to avoid mistakes and accidents because it provides a better view of the yard below.

"Now, people can actually see the yard they control," Castaneda says.

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