

Media Get Sneak Peek at Metro Gold Line, Rail History Exhibit

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(June 11, 2003) MTA offered local media a sneak peek ride on the Metro Gold Line, Tuesday, and a chance to explore years of rail transportation in Pasadena.

Reporters representing eight print and 12 broadcast outlets rode the Metro Gold Line from Union Station to Pasadena's Memorial Park Station, where they boarded a vintage 1950's transit bus to the Pasadena Museum of History.

Welcoming the new Metro Gold Line, the Pasadena Museum of History, along with the Los Angeles Railroad Heritage Foundation, is sponsoring a joint exhibition titled "Next Stop – Pasadena – From Red to Gold".

The gallery, which is scheduled to open this summer, will offer a unique collection of archival photos, miniature models and artifacts from the historic Pacific Electric Car trolley, Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe rail lines.

The Metro Gold Line is expected to open later this summer. The last Red Car serviced Pasadena in 1951. AMTRAK service to the city stopped in 1994.

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Local media representatives take a ride on the new Metro Gold Line from Union Station to Memorial Park Station in Pasadena.



Entrance to the gallery



The exhibit displayed a miniature model and photos of the Santa Fe Rail car.



Los Angeles Railroad Heritage Foundation President Josef Lesser describes the history of the Santa Fe Rail Line to a KCAL-TV reporter.