Metro Gold Line opening weekend volunteers, from left, Liz Armijo-Holbrook, Valarie Harrison, Cathy Manzo, Yvette Robles and Marta Maestas-Mack receive official certificates.



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Snoble, Francis Thank Volunteers for Gold Line Opening Work

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The 33 volunteers were assigned as station managers and assistant managers during the opening weekend of the LA to Pasadena light-rail line.

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"I've been to many rail line openings," Snoble said, "but I've never seen one like this. You cared about it, you wanted to make it happen and you worked hard to make it happen."

Metro Rail General Manager Gerald Francis said the public's response to the opening on Saturday, July 26, required some adjustments to handle crowds expected on Sunday, July 27.

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"Everyone pulled together with that last ounce of energy to come up with a game plan for Sunday," he said. "That made me see how great a group we have here at MTA. No matter what was happening, we were able to pull together and accomplish a goal."

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