

## MTA TRANSIT SERVICE UPDATE

Wednesday, November 19, 2003

- **ATU members ratify contract**
- **All Metro Bus lines are in full operation**
- **Rail service will resume on the Metro Green and Gold Lines at 4 a.m., Thursday. More service is being added on the Metro Red Line subway and the Metro Blue Line.**
- **Regular operation on all Metro Rail lines begins Saturday.**

News reports indicate that ATU members today ratified the contract agreement with MTA. The MTA Board is scheduled to vote on the agreement at a Dec. 4 meeting. It calls for mediation and arbitration on the still-unresolved Health and Welfare Trust Fund issue.

As of Wednesday morning, all Metro Bus lines were in operation throughout the county. MTA estimates that nearly 100 percent of its buses are now back in service.

Service on the Metro Green and Gold Lines will begin at 4 a.m., Thursday, and will continue until 9 p.m. Green Line trains will run at 15-minute intervals during peak periods. Gold Line trains will run at 20-minute intervals all day.

Service on the Metro Red Line subway and on the Metro Blue Line between the Long Beach Transit Mall and downtown Los Angeles will start at 4:30 a.m., Thursday, and continue until 9 p.m.

Blue Line trains will operate at 12-minute intervals during peak periods.

Red Line trains will operate at 8-minute intervals between Union Station and Wilshire/Vermont during peak periods. Service to Wilshire/Western and to North Hollywood will operate at 16-minute intervals.

### **Fares**

Rides on all Metro buses and trains will be free through Saturday, Nov. 22. October and November transit passes – except weekly or semi-monthly passes that expired on or before Oct. 15 – will be honored on all Metro buses and trains through Dec. 31. Beginning Nov. 24, those customers who do not have an October or November pass may buy a November pass for use in December.

Patrons who purchased semi-monthly passes dated Oct. 16 – 31, weekly passes dated Oct. 12 – 18 or October EZ Transit Passes for MTA travel only are eligible for an even exchange or refund.

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