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Docent Dennis Lytton explains Hollywood and Vine station artwork to Bill Upchurch, Paul Jackson, Dennis King and Peter Force.



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## Residents Enjoy a Marathon Metro Rail Tour

By RICH MORALLO

(Jan. 28, 2004) A group of South Bay residents took a marathon tour of Metro Rail, recently, to learn more about the various lines and where the trains can take them.

The group assembled at MTA Headquarters where they received an orientation in the Board room before starting their seven-hour journey on the rails.

After a walking tour of Union Station's East Portal, the visitors hopped on the Metro Red Line subway to travel to 7th and Metro and then to the Rail Operations Center.

"I especially found the Rail Operations Center interesting and was pleasantly surprised to see that each line had its own team of monitors, and that rail operation and station security was split and done at separate monitoring stations" said Palos Verdes Peninsula resident Bob Leabow. "This experience will definitely make me feel safer in the future when riding Metro Rail."

## On to Chinatown

After viewing the Metro Green Line, the visitors returned to Union Station where they trooped onto the Metro Gold Line and traveled to the Chinatown Station.

Then it was back to Union Station to spend the rest of the afternoon on the Metro Red Line, with a long stop at the Hollywood and Vine Station.

"That's Hooray For Hollywood," said Bill Upchurch from San Pedro's Northwest Neighborhood Area Council, referring to the musical notes on the mezzanine handrails.

Docent Dennis Lytton explained the station's unusual artwork, as the visitors enjoyed the warm Los Angeles afternoon.

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