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MTA Director John Fasana, center, joins with the 2005 Rose Court at Memorial Park Station in Pasadena to proclaim the Metro Gold Line as the designated train of 2005 Tournament of Roses events. The Rose Court, from left: princesses Lisa Pallay, Jennifer Propper, Kara Murphy, Queen Ashley Moreno, Allison Pedro, Alaire Hanashian and Megan Sheehan.



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## Metro Gold Line Proclaimed Designated Train of 2005 Rose Parade

By DAVE SOTERO

(Dec. 21, 2005) The County of Los Angeles proclaimed the Metro Gold Line the designated train of the 2005 Tournament of Roses® events today at a special ceremony with the 2005 Rose Queen and Royal Court in Pasadena.

With approximately one million spectators expected to attend parade festivities, the Metro Gold Line is now the best method of transportation for revelers wanting to escape the hassles of driving and high cost of parking in and around Pasadena starting New Year's Eve.

This New Year's Eve Metro will be operating its rail lines all night long to enable parade attendees to get an early place along the parade route. What's more, Metro trains and buses

will be free of charge from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. to encourage New Year's partygoers to use public transit instead of driving, helping to ensure L.A. County streets and freeways stay safe.



"The Metro Gold Line has now become an important part of the success of the parade," said Caryn Eaves, Director of Public Relations for the Tournament of Roses Association. "This year as we 'Celebrate Family,' we welcome the return of an important family member -- commuter rail service to Pasadena. Up until last year, that service was missing since the last Pacific Electric Red Cars brought parade goers to Pasadena over 50 years ago."

Rose Queen Ashley Moreno visits the operator's cab of the designated train.

"For a great many spectators, the Gold Line will be a welcome relief from the crush of area traffic, allowing them to get in and out of Pasadena quickly and easily," said John Fasana, City of Duarte Councilmember and Metro Board Member.



Along the way, members of the Gateway Carolers set a festive and rousing scene aboard the Metro Gold Line train en route to the designation at Memorial Park Station.

Four Metro Gold Line stations serve parade activity areas. The Memorial Park and Del Mar stations are about two blocks from the parade route. The Lake and Allen stations are approximately four blocks from the parade route.

Rose Bowl football game attendees can exit the Memorial Park station and walk a short distance down Holly Street to the Parsons parking lot at 100 West Walnut Street and catch a free shuttle to the game.

For post-parade float viewing, revelers can take the Metro Gold Line to Sierra Madre Villa Station in East Pasadena, where they can board a specially marked Metro Bus for direct service to Victory Park where floats will be displayed Jan. 1-2. Shuttles will be departing from Sierra Madre Villa until about 3:30 p.m. each day.

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