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## Metro Gold Line Back in Full Service After 24-Hour Effort

(April 29, 2005) A Wayside Systems rail traction power crew restored full service on the Metro Gold Line early this afternoon, some 24 hours after a downed power line at the Arroyo Verde grade crossing brought service to a halt on the northbound track.

The crew worked all night to restring damaged power and support cables along a mile of track between the Arroyo Verde and Orange Grove grade crossings.

Rail Operations Center controllers, meanwhile, kept trains moving on 30-minute headways by single-tracking between the Del Mar and Southwest Museum stations. Metro buses from divisions 3, 9 and 10 provided express service, when needed, into Downtown LA.

The incident occurred just after 1 p.m., Thursday, when a 4,160-volt electrical line being hoisted into place by a utility crew slipped onto the wires that power Gold Line trains, according to Wayside Systems Manager Andy Hughes.

The electrical line became entangled in the pantographs of a passing train, damaging both the wires and the train's two pantographs.

None of the 73 persons aboard the train, including the operator, were injured. The passengers were evacuated with the assistance of the South Pasadena police and fire departments, and were shuttled to the Mission Station to continue their trips.

Rail Transportation Manager Roman Alarcon had kudos for all involved in recovering from the incident. "We worked as a team to minimize delays," he said.