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Board Chairman Frank Roberts joins Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford, city council members and other government officials to celebrate the grand opening of the Palmdale Transportation Center during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Photo: Juan Ocampo



## Palmdale Transportation Center Opens; 54th Metrolink Station

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(July 1, 2005) Officials gathered in Palmdale Transportation Center, June 24, for the grand opening of the Palmdale Transportation Center, a state-of-the-art transportation hub for Antelope Valley commuters.

The new facility, which includes 500 free parking spaces, eight bus bays and bicycle lockers, is the 54th station in the 500-mile Metrolink System. It is now the principal transportation hub for North County commuters needing quick, reliable transportation between the Antelope Valley and the greater L.A. Basin.

The station provides connections between Antelope Valley Transit Authority local and commuter bus service, Metrolink, Santa Clarita Transit, Greyhound, Amtrak Throughway bus service and the Sierra Bike Trail.

The station's Clock Tower Plaza comes complete with an indoor passenger waiting area that includes concessions, public telephones, seating, restrooms and security service. Metrolink passengers can use the partially enclosed outdoor waiting accommodations on the rail platform.

Metro provided \$5.64 million of the \$14.85 million dollar project costs through its Call for Projects. The agency also administered the project's federal funds on behalf of the city of Palmdale.

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