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Suspicious Package Investigation Closes East Portal

(July 13, 2005) The East Portal of Union Station was closed to trains, buses and passengers for about two hours, Wednesday morning, following discovery of a suspicious package.

The Sheriff's Arson and Explosives Unit investigated the item, but found no explosives. There were no injuries to anyone in the East Portal.

Metro Red Line service was held at the Civic Center station, while Metro Gold Line service was stopped at the Chinatown station. Metro Bus service continued on Vignes Street adjacent to the Gateway Building and on Alameda Street in front of Union Station.

Metro provided three buses to transport rail passengers between Union Station and the Civic Center station. Metro Gold Line passengers were advised to use Metro Bus Line 45, and DASH buses requested by the agency.

Service on the Metro Red and Gold Lines resumed at about 11:23 a.m. The Plaza was opened to bus service a short while afterward.

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