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Families visiting the Sherman Oaks Galleria find there's room enough for everyone onboard the Metro Liner.



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Metro Liner Previews at Sherman Oaks Galleria

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(Sept. 7, 2005) Members of the public and business groups got a sneak peek of the Metro Liner as Metro joined the Sherman Oaks Galleria and others, last week, to display the Metro Orange Line vehicles.

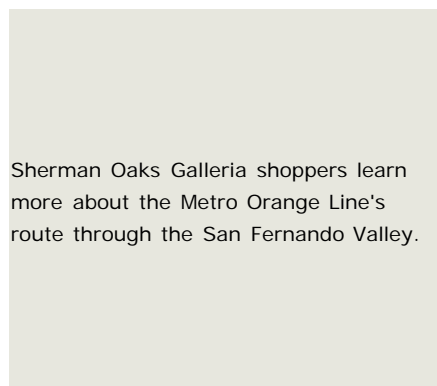
The event, hosted by the Galleria and the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, brought together a group of community and business organizations, including the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, United Chambers of Commerce and the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA).

Members of the community and media inspect the interior of the Metro Liner.



Organizers set up Metro Orange Line signs festooned with orange balloons to attract people to the Metro Liner at the corner of the Galleria. Industry group representatives handed out Orange Line information packets to passersby.

At the news conference, Bruce Ackerman, CEO of the Economic Alliance, said "Metro should be congratulated for putting forth a first-class effort to bring this technology to the San Fernando Valley. The timing of this opening couldn't be better. The skyrocketing cost of gasoline has added unforeseen benefits to this modern, comfortable transit alternative for Valley residents and business."



Sherman Oaks Galleria shoppers learn more about the Metro Orange Line's route through the San Fernando Valley.

Katherine Defever, Galleria general manager, said the Galleria was setting an example by using its central location to stage the preview, which could help inform Galleria visitors, tenants, employers and local community groups.

The Metro Orange Line is scheduled to open Saturday, Oct. 29, with free rides and weekend community festivities.