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With the Metro Orange Line about to bloom, day and night bus testing begins and residents are cautioned to strictly adhere to traffic signs and signals. Here, a new Metro Liner heads east past the newly sprouted Woodley Station as a team of Sheriff's Deputies on horseback patrol the intersection.



Photo by Gary Leonard

## End-to-End, Day and Night Testing Begins on Orange Line

- Valley residents reminded to use caution at Orange Line intersections

By DAVE SOTERO

(Sept. 21, 2005) Metro has begun day and night bus testing on the Metro Orange Line and is reminding pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists to use caution at intersections along the entire right-of-way between North Hollywood and Woodland Hills.

Operators may access the transitway at any time to test-run Metro's new 60-foot 'Metro Liner' buses. The testing will increasingly mimick regular scheduled service during preparations for the official October 29 transitway opening date.

Metro is strongly urging San Fernando Valley residents to remain alert and strictly adhere to all clearly marked signs and signals, both on the transitway and at street intersections. Trespassing on the transitway for any reason is strictly prohibited.

To help ensure public safety, Metro provides these five safety tips:

- Always be alert at intersections.

- Never turn right on a red arrow.
- Stay out of 'Keep Clear' zones at intersections.
- Proceed with caution at intersections.
- Be mindful of the flashing BUS sign.

"Following these important steps will help ensure everyone's safety as Metro works to bring this major new transit service to the San Fernando Valley," says East Valley Division 15 Transportation Manager Gary Spivack, who is coordinating the operator training.

The agency is working closely with law enforcement agencies to increase traffic enforcement during testing on the Metro Orange Line. Transit Services Bureau deputies and LAPD will patrol the transitway and street intersections and will issue citations for violations.

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