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Transit officials with rendering of Division 8 at groundbreaking ceremony.

New Division 8 Opened in 1982

On Dec. 5, 1982, a new 17-acre Division 8 opened for service at 9201 Canoga Ave. in Chatsworth. A Mexican-themed grand opening celebration was held a couple of months later, and more than 1,000 attendees enjoyed mariachis, Mexican food and facilities tours.

West Valley bus operations were moved to the new facility from the former Division 8, a 5.5-acre site at 14557 Sherman Way in Van Nuys. The original Van Nuys Division, officially designated as Division 8 on Aug. 15, 1958, was a Pacific Electric Railway (1901-1953) property passed down through Metropolitan Coach Lines (1953-1958) and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (1958-1964) to the Southern California Rapid Transit District (1964-1993).

Today the San Fernando Valley Service Sector's West Valley Division 8 has capacity for 249 buses, operates local lines, Rapid Bus line 750 and the Metro Orange Line.

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