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Ansaldobreda 2550 light rail car Number 701 on a test run July 28 at Union Station.



Photo: Gayle Anderson

### 3 New 2550 Light Rail Cars in Transit to California

(Jan. 24, 2006) Three new Ansaldobreda 2550 light rail cars in transit by ship from Pistoia, Italy, are due to arrive in Pittsburg, Calif., next week.

The \$2.72 million rail cars, which will be deployed on the Metro Gold Line, will dock in Northern California and will be transported to the company's plant in Pittsburg for final assembly.

Once fully assembled, they are scheduled to be delivered to Los Angeles by the end of March 2006. Metro plans to add 50 of the 2550 cars to its light rail fleet over a three-year period.

The two original rail cars, Numbers 701 and 702, have completed initial performance trials and are now undergoing signal systems testing to ensure communication with the rail infrastructure.

Once all tests have been completed, 701 and 702 will be shipped back to Pittsburg for final fleet production configuration.

Presently, Ansaldobreda is preparing 34 additional rail cars for shipment. The company plans to deliver three to four rail cars per month starting in April.