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## Metro Distributes 31,000 Orange Line Safety DVDs in the Valley

- Videos include safety, security and parking information

By DAVE SOTERO

(June 29, 2006) Metro has mailed a new interactive DVD presentation about Metro Orange Line traffic safety to more than 30,000 residents within a mile radius of the transitway.

An additional 1,000 DVDs also were given to nearby schools, libraries and community groups in the San Fernando Valley.

The presentation, which features messages from local officials, urges drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists to heed all traffic precautions to ensure the safe operation of the 60-foot articulated buses through the 36 intersections along the 14-mile alignment.

Produced by Metro Community Relations, the presentation is available in both English and Spanish. Viewers can click on each station on an interactive transitway map to get a driver's-eye view of traffic safety unique to that station.

"Please do not shortcut your safety," Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa says in the presentation. "Pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists must pay extra attention to all traffic signs and signals when approaching the Orange Line intersection."

Other public officials featured in the video include Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and Los Angeles City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.

### Many safety measures

Metro and LADOT have installed many safety measures to help ensure safe travel for everyone along the Metro Orange Line alignment.

Most recently, the agency has ordered the installation of photo enforcement cameras at about a dozen intersections to deter people from running red lights.

The number of traffic incidents due to drivers running red lights has decreased precipitously since the line's opening last year, but the public's continued cooperation is required to avoid future traffic incidents.

The presentation also shows customers how to operate Metro's ticket vending machines, and provides an overview of station security, including video surveillance cameras, public assistance emergency callboxes and electronic message signs.

Viewers can visit – virtually at least – Bus Operations Control to learn how the agency monitors activity at Metro Orange Line stations.

The presentation also shows the locations of all parking lots and provides directions and entry points for accessing them.

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