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Visitors from Russian Khabarovsk Region tour Metro to Research Accessibility Measures

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Metro's ADA Compliance Administrator Chip Hazen, at right, and Los Angeles City ADA Compliance Officer Mitch Pomerantz, with guide dog Scotch, host tour of Metro system for visiting delegation from Khabarovsk, a far-away region located in the eastern Russian province of Amur near the China border. The 10-member delegation, along with an interpreter and guide, visited Metro Headquarters on Jan. 24 to learn about Metro's accessibility compliance programs for customers with disabilities. The group toured Metro Headquarters and Metro Rail, reviewing accessibility advances on the Metro Red Line and taking a ride on the Metro Gold Line to Heritage Square/Arroyo Station and back. Chip Hazen, Metro's ADA Compliance Administrator, discussed the accessibility of the rail service. Roman Alarcon, Bus Operations Control Director, demonstrated the various services provided by Metro Rail, including purchasing fare on the TVMs, the textured platform guideways, Braille signage, emergency systems and even handicapped parking zones. During their 15-day stay in Los Angeles, the delegation met with other agencies to learn about other accessibility innovations and compliance measures.



Chip Hazen and interpreter Anna Sokolova lead tour on a Metro Gold Line trip to Heritage Square/Arroyo Station.



Union Station bathed Khabarovsk visitors in afternoon light.



Roman Alarcon demonstrates emergency station at the Metro Red Line platform of Union Station.



A member of the delegation presents a brochure from Khabarovsk to tour leaders as a token of appreciation.



Representatives from "Rights of the Disabled" organization of Khabarovsk gather in front of the East Portal for a photo. Tour leaders are Metro ADA Compliance Administrator Chip Hazen, second from right, and Los Angeles City ADA Compliance Officer Mitch Pomerantz, with guide dog Scotch, center left.