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Joint Security Training Exercise Set April 28 at Union Station

- Transit riders can expect 15-minute delays

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(April 20, 2007) Union Station transit operators – Metro, Metrolink and Amtrak – will join the LA County Sheriff's Department, LAPD, Metro Security, Amtrak Police and the U.S. Department of Transportation in a Homeland Security exercise on Saturday, April 28.

The exercise will rehearse a coordinated, multi-agency response to a possible security threat at Union Station. As part of the exercise, law enforcement and security personnel will set up security checkpoints around Union Station and will inspect inbound passenger trains and buses.

The exercise is an important and necessary activity to continually enhance security measures for the protection of the transit-riding public, the agency said in a news release.

Transit patrons arriving at Union Station between 6 a.m. and noon that day may experience service delays of 15 minutes or longer on inbound and outbound rail and bus services due to the joint security training exercise.

Service on the Metro Red Line, the Metro Gold Line, Metrolink and Amtrak will be affected.

At least 10 bus lines that normally discharge passengers at the Gateway Transit Plaza will be temporarily rerouted to adjacent street corners at Cesar Chavez Avenue and Vignes Street.

Those bus lines will be Line 33, 40, 42, 439, 442, 444, 445, 446 (Rte 447) and 745, and Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Line 10.

