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**Security Exercise in Long Beach, June 2, Will Affect Train Service**

(May 31, 2007) On Saturday morning, June 2, transit agencies providing services to the Long Beach Transit Mall will be impacted by a planned law enforcement security exercise.

The scenario for the exercise, which will begin at 6 a.m., involves a possible bomb planted at the Long Beach Transit Mall. Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau deputies and Long Beach Police officers will respond to the alert. A command post will be set up in the area.

The exercise will evaluate communications and response between the two law enforcement agencies, working with Metro bus and rail operations and Long Beach Transit.

The drill, which will take place on First Street between Long Beach Boulevard and Pine Avenue, will affect service between 4:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

The exercise will affect Metro Blue Line stations within the Transit Mall Loop only between 6 a.m and 9 a.m., during which stations within the loop will be closed.

Stations involved in the exercise will be the Transit Mall station, 1st Street station, 5th Street station and Pacific station. Northbound and southbound trains will instead operate from Anaheim station. Replacement bus service will be available.

Bus services which normally pick up or discharge customers in the Transit Mall area will be rerouted beginning at 4:30 a.m. to pick up and drop off customers at temporary bus shelters located on Ocean Boulevard between Long Beach Boulevard and Pine Avenue.

Regular service is expected to resume within the Transit Mall Loop shortly after 9 a.m.

