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Track Repairs to Delay Metro Blue Line Service This Weekend

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(Nov. 16, 2007) Work crews will begin repairs, tonight, on a Metro Blue Line grade crossing between the Imperial/Wilmington and Compton stations. The repairs will continue through through Sunday, Nov. 18. Patrons should allow extra travel time and expect delays to train service during this period.

From 9 p.m., tonight, to the close of service Saturday night, Nov. 17, northbound and southbound service between Imperial/Wilmington and Compton Stations will be taken out of service.

Metro will instead operate bus bridges to transport passengers around this closure. Transit patrons should allow a minimum of 30 minutes additional travel time and expect delays.

All northbound passengers will disembark trains at Compton station and board buses at the bus stop on Willowbrook Avenue. Buses will travel to Imperial/Wilmington station within approximately 12-15 minutes.

All southbound passengers will disembark trains at Imperial/Wilmington station and board buses on the west side of the station at Metro Bus Line 120-121 stops. Buses will travel to Compton station within approximately 8-10 minutes.

The last northbound train prior to service disruption this evening will leave Transit Mall station in Long Beach at 8:21 p.m., arriving at Imperial/Wilmington station at 8:50 p.m. The last southbound train prior to service disruption will leave 7th and Metro at 8:26 p.m and arrive at Compton station at 8:52 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, trains will operate every 15 minutes in the morning, 12 minutes mid-day and 20 minutes in the evening. Buses will continue to provide service between the Compton and Imperial/Wilmington stations.

On Sunday, Nov. 18, all trains will operate every 20 minutes, beginning southbound from 7th and Metro at 5:05 a.m. and northbound from Transit Mall station at 5:03 a.m.

The last train southbound from 7th and Metro will depart at 12:45 a.m. and northbound from Transit Mall station at 11:23 a.m. The last train north to Wardlow from Transit Mall station will leave at 1:41 a.m.