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To concentrate on key information, the cartographers cropped the old System Map a bit. On the north, for example, the map extends to the 210 (Foothill) Freeway and stops slightly west of Pacific Palisades.



Available online: The new [System Map](#). Copies are available from the schedule room at 2-7023.

On the east, the map stops at the east side of the 605 (San Gabriel River) Freeway, although Price is quick to note the map "shows the El Monte Station and the lines that travel beyond that area."

Gained in this abbreviation is the room to offer more detail of the congested Hollywood area and the inset map of Downtown Los Angeles.

"By squeezing one area and opening another, we actually make it easier to read," said Price. For map readers with older eyes, the map is also printed in larger text.

The design of the map is based on Metro's 12-Minute Map and city maps for New York City and London.

To roll out the new map, Metro is distributing 70,000 copies to the bus and rail divisions, which allows 25 copies of the map to be placed in each coach or rail car.

For Price, who has worked on 10 System Maps, the best feature of the new map is its simplicity. "You can clearly see how much coverage Metro System offers and where the other municipal lines provide service."

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