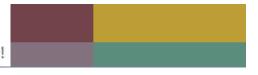
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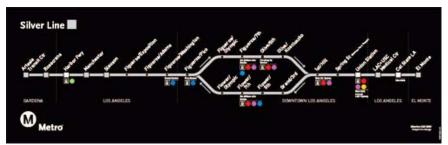
By Rick Jager Metro Media Relations

(Dec. 3, 2009) Metro will begin operating a new bus service connecting the San Gabriel Valley and South Bay via downtown Los Angeles on Sunday, Dec. 13. The new Silver Line will operate every 5 to 15 minutes during weekday rush hours.

The Silver Line will operate between the El Monte Station and the Artesia Transit Center via the Harbor Transitway on the Harbor Freeway and the El Monte Busway on the San Bernardino Freeway.

The Silver Line is designed to save commuters time by allowing patrons to take advantage of the Silver Line's frequent, direct connections to downtown landmarks such as STAPLES Center, Walt Disney Concert Hall, the LA Convention Center, the Fashion District, Cal State Los Angeles, L.A. Live, California Science Center, USC, the LA Coliseum as well as various work, school, shopping and dining facilities.

Base cash fare for the new service is \$2.45 one way, \$1.15 for senior/disabled cash fare during peak times, 85 cents in off-peak times. Metro Day Passes will be honored as base fare and Metro weekly, monthly and EZ transit passes will be accepted with an additional \$1.20 charge when boarding.



New Silver Line Bus Service Connecting the San Gabriel Valley with the South Bay begins Sunday, Dec. 13

The Silver Line will operate seven days a week with the first bus leaving the Artesia Transit Center at 5 a.m. and the last bus from the Artesia Transit Center leaving at 12:55 a.m. From the El Monte Station, the first bus leaves at 4:15 a.m. with the last bus leaving at 12:55 a.m. Some trips on the new service will terminate at Flower and 7th Street in downtown Los Angeles.

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Bus service to and from each Metro Rail station is available from Metro and community bus lines. Connections to Metro Red, Purple, Gold, Blue and Green Lines provide service to Hollywood, Koreatown, Pasadena, East Los Angeles, Long Beach, Redondo Beach, Norwalk, and LAX (via a connecting free shuttle). In addition, connections can also be made to Metrolink commuter rail service and Amtrak at Union Station. Additional parking is available at both the El Monte Station and the Artesia Transit Center.

The Silver Line replaces Metro Express Bus lines 444, 446/447, 484, and 490, which currently operate on the Harbor Transitway and the El Monte Busway. These lines will be rerouted to provide connecting service to the Silver Line and be given new route numbers effective Sunday, Dec. 13.

The Silver Line will undergo several service enhancements along with amenity and station improvements as part of Metro's Congestion Reduction Demonstration Project that will eventually convert existing carpool lanes on both the San Bernardino Freeway and the Harbor Freeway into ExpressLanes (Tolls).

Scheduled for implementation in December 2010, the new ExpressLanes will reduce congestion, and greenhouse gas emissions, increase travel time savings and produce better trip reliability.

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