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IT'S "ALL ABOARD" AS MTA AND OTHER OFFICIALS TAKE A DEMONSTRATION RIDE ON A NEW ALTERNATE RAIL VEHICLE

MTA officials will be among those to take a ride on the Regio Sprinter in a demonstration run of the rail vehicle between San Dimas and Arcadia on Saturday, January 18.

The Regio Sprinter is the second Alternate Rail Technology (ART) vehicle currently to be evaluated by the MTA for possible use in several existing rail rights-of-way in Los Angeles County. Developed by Siemens, the Regio Sprinter is a bi-directional, light weight, low-floor, self-propelled rail car which was first introduced in Europe in 1995. The typical operating speed of the Regio Sprinter is 60 mph and the vehicle seats 74 passengers with room for 100 standing.

The initial trip will originate in Claremont at 8 a.m. with subsequent trips traveling between San Dimas and Arcadia, with a stop in Monrovia. The public will have the opportunity to get a close look at the Regio Sprinter in San Dimas on the tracks at the corner of Bonita Avenue and Cataract between 8:15 a.m. and 8:55 a.m., and in Arcadia on the tracks at the corner of 1st Avenue and Saint Joseph Street between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Mini transportation fairs will be held at the San Dimas and Arcadia sites as well as in Monrovia on the tracks at the corner of Duarte Road and Myrtle Avenue.

The MTA Board adopted Alternate Rail Technology as a demonstration technology in November 1995.

Among the officials expected to attend the demonstration run are MTA Board Chairman Larry Zarian and Board member John Fasana.

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