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MTA HELPS STUDENTS RESTORE VINTAGE STREETCAR – A vintage 1890's streetcar, once used in downtown Los Angeles, was recently hoisted onto a flatbed truck and taken to Locke High School in South Central Los Angeles where students will begin the task of totally refurbishing the streetcar to its original condition. The year-long effort is part of MTA's Transportation Careers Academy Program in which students from local schools participate in various activities centered around transportation. Shown in the top photo before the streetcar was moved are (left to right) Steve Brye, MTA project manager, Annie Webb, Locke High School principal, Pam Metz, Locke High academy coordinator, Locke High School students Noe Calel and Kenya Wiley, Elois McGehee, assistant principal for Locke High School, Art Gomez, MTA Transportation Careers Academy coordinator, Linda Brath of the LA Recreation and Parks Department and Captain Richard Cotterall of the LA City Fire Department, Station 88 whose men helped transport the vintage streetcar to Locke High School. The bottom photo shows the vintage streetcar as it was lifted onto the LA City Fire Department's flatbed truck. Two 1890's streetcars are being loaned to the schools by Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park for this program. One streetcar was moved to Garfield High School in East Los Angeles with the second given to Locke High School for restoration.

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