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PUBLIC INVITED TO RIDE FUTURE METRO GREEN LINE AT ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION IN NORWALK

The public can try out the new Metro Green Line on St. Patrick's Day when the MTA provides free rides between the Norwalk/I-105 Station and Imperial Wilmington Station. Those who want to ride the Green Line can go to the Metro Park & Ride lot located off the I/605 at the Imperial Highway exit (Imperial and Hoxie Street) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"This is the public's first chance to take a look at L.A.'s newest rail system," said Michael Antonovich, Los Angeles County Supervisor and MTA board chairman. "The Green Line is designed to serve the public for the next 100 years."

All of the cities along the Green Line alignment, through their Marketing Action Groups, have been actively involved in the planning of the St. Patrick's Day ride. Features include shamrocks, bagpipes, costumed-dancers, leprechauns, Disney characters, high school bands and Travis the Owl, the Metro Rail mascot that brings rail safety messages to students along Los Angeles' Metro rail lines.

The Green Line extends 20 miles from the I-605 Freeway in Norwalk to Marine Avenue in Redondo Beach. It has 14 stations. Once the line is completed, the trip from end to end will take approximately 35 minutes. Most of the alignment runs down the center of the I-105 Glenn Anderson Freeway. At Imperial/Aviation the line curves three-and-one-half miles south on its own elevated guideway.

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Green Line riders will be able to make connections to the LAX, Hollywood Park, The Forum, El Segundo Employment area, the Metro Blue and Red Lines and the Harbor Freeway Transit way.

The Metro Green Line is 94% complete and is expected to open this summer. Initially, trains will operate from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., every seven and one-half minutes during rush hour. During non-peak hours and on weekends, trains will run every 12 minutes.

"Bus and shuttle connections to the Green Line are a priority to us," said Franklin White, the MTA's CEO. "By the end of the month the MTA will adopt a bus/rail plan that establishes a network of bus and shuttles for each station."

The Metro Green Line will bring the number of operating Metro Rail miles to 46 and the number of stations to 39.

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