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**FIRST GREEN LINE OPERATORS FORMING CLOSE BOND** -- The first Green Line operators have come from disparate backgrounds to form a cohesive team that relies on each other to ensure Green Line service will be reliable as soon as service begins this summer. From left: Ricardo Miranda of Rialto, who drove an MTA bus for 19 years before getting a chance to fulfill a childhood dream to operate a train; Jess Guajardo of La Puente, a Green Line supervisor who has been responsible for training the first team of Green Line operators; Jesus Ruiz of Huntington Beach, who has participated in the startup of all three of MTA's new rail lines beginning with the Blue Line; and Arnold Johnson of South Central Los Angeles, who spent 15 years as a bus operator and another 4½ years as a Transit Operations Supervisor before being tapped for Green Line service. The 20-mile east-west route will serve the southern portion of Los Angeles County from the city of Norwalk to LAX.

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