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METRO GREEN LINE TO OPEN AUGUST 12

The Metro Green Line will begin service to the public Saturday, August 12, the Los Angeles County MTA announced today. Opening of the line will be highlighted by a free-ride period of two days over opening day weekend.

A discounted introductory fare of 25 cents will follow the free-ride period to last until August 31, 1995.

"The Green Line plays an important role in the county's transportation plan," said MTA Chairman and Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich. "It is preparing the county's infrastructure to accommodate future population growth. In return on our investment, the county is ensuring new transportation alternatives for people--and less freeway congestion."

"Inauguration of the Metro Green Line raises the mileage of the Metro Rail system from 26 to 46," said MTA Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Deane Dana. "It builds upon the success of the Metro Blue and the Metro Red lines, which are carrying 53,000 daily passengers combined."

"Opening of the Metro Green Line will attract future development along the east-west corridor from Norwalk to Redondo Beach, and prepare the cities and communities it serves to compete in this challenging economic environment," said MTA Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke.

The \$718-million Metro Green Line is the third rail transit line to open in Los Angeles County. The Green Line connects to the Metro Blue Line at the Imperial/Wilmington Station in South Central Los Angeles. The Blue Line connects to the Metro Red Line subway in downtown Los Angeles.

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The Metro Green Line's 20-mile trip from Norwalk to Redondo Beach will take 35 minutes. Hours of service will be from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Trains will stop at each station every 7 1/2 minutes during rush hour and every 12 minutes during off-peak hours.

Airport-bound passengers will use a bus shuttle service operating between the Aviation Station and the airline terminals. The service, provided by the Los Angeles Department of Airports, is free to Metro patrons. The shuttle will offer service during Metro Green Line operating hours, seven days a week. The trip from the Bradley terminal to the Aviation Station is just under 3 miles and takes 10 minutes.

Construction of the Metro Green Line was first approved in June 1984 by an MTA predecessor agency. Construction began in January 1991.

The Metro Green Line trains are identical to the Metro Blue Line trains and were built by Sumitomo Corporation of America. Each car has 76 seats and can carry 230 passengers.

The line has 14 stations serving the communities of Norwalk, Downey, Bellflower, Paramount, South Gate, Lynwood, Watts, Willowbrook, Compton, Los Angeles, Gardena, Inglewood, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Westchester, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach.

Once the promotional period is over, the regular Metro Green Line cash fare will be \$1.35. Token users will pay 90 cents. Seniors, disabled and sight impaired will pay 45 cents. Monthly passes will cost \$49 and transfers to and from the Blue Line and MTA buses will cost 25 cents.

Monthly passes for students from kindergarten through 12th grade will cost \$20 and college and vocational student passes will be \$30 per month. Seniors, disabled and sight impaired passes will cost \$12 per month.

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"Tokens are the best transportation bargain available to ride the Metro Green Line, the Blue Line and MTA buses," said Franklin E. White, MTA chief executive officer. "Tokens are sold in bags of 10 for \$9, at approximately five hundred locations throughout the county. MTA bus and rail riders who use the system for one round trip, five days a week, save \$4.50 a week when using tokens."

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