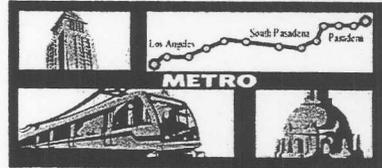




# NEWS

## LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA



## CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

#### **MEDIA INVITED FOR A FIRST LOOK, SNEAK-PEEK TEST TRAIN RIDE ON THE LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA METRO GOLD LINE**

**WHAT:** MTA and the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Construction Authority invite the news media for a sneak-peek, first look test train ride on board the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Gold Line currently under construction. MTA has been testing trains on portions of the 13.7-mile rail line, which MTA plans to begin operating in mid-2003. The Metro Gold Line, being constructed by the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Construction Authority, will link Union Station in downtown Los Angeles and Sierra Madre Villa in East Pasadena via Chinatown, Highland Park, South Pasadena, and Pasadena. The media is invited to ride with local dignitaries on the short test run from the Mission Station in South Pasadena to the Fillmore Station in Pasadena (approximately one and one half miles).

**WHEN:** *Friday, November 15, 2002  
10 a.m.*

**WHERE:** Metro Gold Line Mission Station  
Mission Street & Meridian Ave.  
South Pasadena (Thomas Map Book Page 595, G-2)

**\*\*EDITORS NOTE:** Due to on-going construction work at the stations, safety vests and hard hats may be required (Provided). Also hard sole shoes/boots are recommended.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This is a major milestone in the completion of the Metro Gold Line. The Metro Gold Line will join two light rail lines and a subway that crisscross Los Angeles County from Los Angeles to Long Beach to Redondo Beach, Universal City and North Hollywood. This is one of six rail cars that MTA will use during this testing phase designed to test travel speeds and ensure proper train clearances as well as power traction along the 13.7-mile alignment. Testing will proceed through the end of this year and the beginning of 2003 along 10 different segments of the line.

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