

MTA to Assume Control of Operational Testing of Metro Gold Line Trains April 18

Residents urged to be aware of increased line testing from Union Station in Los Angeles to Sierra Madre Villa Station in Pasadena

MTA will take over testing of the Metro Gold Line from the Los Angeles to Pasadena Construction Authority April 18, and will begin increased line testing in preparation for its public opening this summer.

Five electric P2000 Metro Gold Line trains will begin running at full operational speeds – up to 55 mph in some areas -- between downtown Los Angeles and Pasadena every six minutes as MTA tests the trains along the 13.7-mile alignment. On Saturday, April 19, trains will begin leaving Union Station about 5:21 a.m. Testing will conclude about 2:15 p.m.

Approximately 12-15 retired MTA rail operators, acting as safety ambassadors, will don orange vests to monitor several crossings along the route to help residents, especially school children, stay safe and to raise community awareness of train operations.

In mid-May the construction authority is expected to hand over the entire Metro Gold Line, including stations, to MTA.

Local residents are advised to be aware of trains operating in their area, and to contact MTA with any questions or concerns. For non-emergency concerns, the public should call the MTA 24-hour rail answering service at 620-RAIL. This number works in all area codes. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department can be contacted directly at (323) 563-5000 for emergencies related to immediate public safety.

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