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MTA to Increase Schedule for Metro Gold Line Testing

- Residents urged to be aware of increased presence of trains in their neighborhoods

In preparation for the opening of the Metro Gold Line this summer, MTA has begun increased operational testing from Union Station in Los Angeles to Sierra Madre Villa Station in Pasadena. Trains will now run end-to-end seven days a week up to 21 hours per day beginning about 3:30 a.m. and ending about 12:30 a.m. This schedule will continue until the line opens to the public.

Residents in the communities of Los Angeles, Lincoln Heights, Highland Park, South Pasadena and Pasadena are advised to be aware of trains operating in their neighborhoods.

Five electric P2000 Metro Gold Line trains will run at maximum operational speeds and will cross intersections without stopping. Crossing gates may be fully operational. When and where gates are not functional, flagmen will be present at intersections to alert pedestrians and vehicles. Public Utilities Commission-required audible warning devices will be sounded at crossings. These sounds and patterns may not be the actual sounds and patterns used during operations.

Overhead catenary wires and power substations will be fully electrically energized 24 hours per day.

MTA Rail Safety Ambassadors will monitor key rail crossings where youngsters are traveling to and from schools in the mornings and afternoons.

All Metro Gold Line emergencies should be reported to the MTA Los Angeles County Sheriff's Transit Bureau at (323) 563-5000. All non-emergencies should be reported to the MTA 24-hour rail answering service at (213) 620-RAIL.

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