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## **MTA to Offer Free Rides on the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Gold Line During Opening Weekend**

The MTA Board of Directors today approved free rides on the new Metro Gold Line for the opening weekend of July 26/27. The Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Gold Line set to open next month spans 13.7 miles linking Union Station in downtown Los Angeles and Sierra Madre Villa in East Pasadena via Chinatown, Highland Park, South Pasadena and Pasadena.

The opening of the Metro Gold Line expands Metro Rail to 73.1-miles. Patrons using Metro Rail will have a variety of travel options as the system crisscrosses portions of Los Angeles County from Long Beach to Los Angeles, Redondo Beach, Norwalk, Hollywood, Universal City, and North Hollywood as well as Pasadena.

The Metro Gold Line has 13 stations and will operate every 10 minutes on weekdays during peak morning and afternoon rush hours. Trains will then operate every 12-minutes during the mid-day and every 20-minutes during the late night hours. On the weekends, early morning and late night trains will operate every 20 minutes. Midday service until approximately 7 p.m. will operate every 12 minutes. The hours of operation will be from 3:35 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week.

Fares for the Metro Gold Line following the free weekend rides will be the same as all MTA-operated Metro Bus and Metro Rail trains costing just \$1.35 one-way (cash) or 90 cents using a pre-purchased discount token. Monthly passes good for unlimited travel are \$42.

In the first year of operation, the Metro Gold Line is expected to carry between 26,000 and 32,000 average weekday boarding passengers.

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