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MTA Plans Reserved Monthly Parking For Metro Gold Line Commuters

- Pilot project to provide reserved parking at Sierra Madre Villa, Lake and Mission Metro Gold Line Stations

MTA has announced plans to enable monthly riders of the Metro Gold Line to reserve their own parking space at the Sierra Madre Villa, Lake and Mission Metro Gold Line Stations in Pasadena and South Pasadena.

Under plans now being finalized, future patrons of the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Gold Line, which opens this summer, will be able to pay a fee to reserve approximately 100 weekday parking spaces at the Lake Avenue Church at the corner of Lake Avenue and the 210 Freeway, and 250 spaces at the Sierra Madre Villa Station in East Pasadena. The remaining 750 spaces at Sierra Madre Villa Station, the terminus of the Metro Gold Line, will be free but available on a first-come, first-serve basis. MTA is also working with the City of South Pasadena to provide additional reserved parking spaces at the Mission Metro Gold Line Station.

The program will guarantee daily park and ride patrons at the Sierra Madre Villa Station a parking space from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Reserve parking spots will not be guaranteed after 10:30 a.m. to ensure use of all possible spaces. Reserve-only parking will be available at Lake Avenue Church weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

By mid-July, patrons will be able to purchase permits via the Internet from MTA's Web site at WWW.MTA.NET. They will also be able to purchase permits over the phone at 1-800-997-0197 or through the mail at Permit Center, P.O. Box 22811, Denver, CO 80224.

The transferable window permits will contain a bar code that can be scanned by parking lot operators to ensure permit validity.

For the Lake Avenue and Sierra Madre Villa Stations, monthly permit fees cost approximately \$39 per month for the first six months, increasing to \$45 per month thereafter. The anticipated monthly permit fee at Mission Station is \$29 per month for the first six months, increasing to \$36 per month thereafter. Fees will be used by MTA to recover operation costs and to pay for additional parking capacity. MTA will pilot the program for six months as part of its Short-Range Transit Plan, which creates provisions for park and ride spaces in shared-use parking facilities.

Parking is available around some Metro Gold Line stations including the 1,000 space parking structure at Sierra Madre Villa Metro Gold Line station. In downtown Los Angeles Union Station, approximately 1,100 paid parking spaces are available. Limited parking spaces are provided at Lincoln Heights/Cypress Park station (100), Heritage Square/Arroyo station (145), Fillmore station (160), and the Del Mar Station (600). MTA is working to procure additional paid reserve parking in the City of South Pasadena.

The new light rail line spans 13.7 miles through the communities of downtown L.A., Lincoln Heights, Highland Park, South Pasadena and Pasadena.

In the first year of operation, the Metro Gold Line is expected to carry between 26,000 and 32,000 average weekday-boarding passengers. A \$1.35 one-way trip on the Metro Gold Line will take approximately 36 minutes.

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