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"Metro Experience" Mobile Theater Promoting Rail Safety to be Showcased at Los Angeles County Fair

The mobile theater "Metro Experience", a cutting edge thrill ride that drives home the importance of rail safety will be part of this year's Los Angeles County Fair held in Pomona from September 10 through the 26.

The mobile theater, which Metro debuted last year just before the opening of the Metro Gold Line from Los Angeles to Pasadena, is used extensively in the various communities where Metro operates light rail lines.

The interactive theater-on-wheels is the latest tool in Metro's arsenal to educate community members, especially school children, on important safety precautions as trains travel through the neighborhoods where Metro Rail trains travel. The presentation dramatically portrays serious incidents that can occur if safety regulations are ignored, and is also used to promote rail safety.

The "Metro Experience" will be located in the Pirates Cove area of the fair grounds just behind American's Kid Exhibit. The exhibit will be free to fairgoers and it is expected to draw some 40,000 people during the fair.

The mobile theater employs a 16' X 9' silver mat screen that is optimal for 3D projection, two large LCD projectors which display left and right channel video, surround sound and 4D effects such as wind, seat movement and strobe lights to simulate the true operation of a train along actual Metro Gold and Metro Blue Line routes. Sixteen or more people can experience the five and a half minute safety presentation at one time.

The "Metro Experience" mobile theater is a key resource in Metro's rail safety education efforts, and spotlights many of the safety measures built into the system by Metro Rail Operations Safety. Last year over 200,000 individuals were trained by the program.

"Metro considers safety a partnership with the community," said Lynda Bybee, Metro's Deputy Executive Officer of Community Relations. "We hope those individuals visiting the Los Angeles County Fair will experience the mobile theater and take a personal responsibility to ensure safe interactions with trains."



'Metro Experience' is an interactive theater-on-wheels that teaches rail safety with 3D projection and surround sound.

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