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**Public Invited to Metro Open House at Artesia Transit Center
Wednesday, June 29**

Members of the South Bay community will have the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the numerous public transit options in their area at Metro South Bay's Open House at the Artesia Transit Center Wednesday, June 29 between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Artesia Transit Center is located at 731 W. 182nd Street in Los Angeles, close to the I-110 Harbor Transitway.

Members of the public will get the chance to learn more about the transit center's many services, which include 10 Metro and two local bus lines and 900 free park & ride spaces that can improve their daily commutes. Bus services at the Artesia Transit Center include: Lines 52, 130, 205, 214, 352, 444, 445, 446, 447 and 550. Torrance Transit Line T1 and T6 also serve this location.

Metro will be setting up several information tables on the bus loading platform between Bus Bays 4 and 9 and will distribute information on Metro South Bay Services, including bus and rail timetable information.

Open House attendees will be among the first in the South Bay able to ride new Metro Express Line 450X. The new bus service is expected to speed rush-hour commuters between the transit center and downtown Los Angeles' Financial District in 25-30 minutes, half the time of driving alone. Metro will be providing free rides on the new service starting Monday, June 27 and ending Wednesday, June 29.

Metro South Bay is one of five service sectors in Los Angeles County created to better serve its customers at the local level. The sector is comprised of two divisions with approximately 1,300 professionally trained bus operators, mechanics, service attendants, supervisors and administrators.

Cities within the Metro South Bay's sector include: Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates and Torrance.

For more information on Metro South Bay services, visit www.metro.net/southbay. For information and Metro timetables, visit the web at www.metro.net or call 1-800-COMMUTE

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