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Metro Opens Sleek New Bus Terminal Today at Pico/Rimpau

Today, Jan. 11, a sleek new bus terminal opened across the street from the well-known Pico and Rimpau Metro stop. The modern facility is lined with stainless steel bus shelters and outfitted with benches, ample lighting and phones. Stately palm trees decorate the terminal's 11 bus bays and next year it will connect with a thriving commercial center.

The new terminal replaces the space that for perhaps 70 years has served as the dropping off and collecting point for passengers traveling to and from downtown Los Angeles, Mid-City and Santa Monica at the intersection of Pico and Rimpau boulevards. The hub, which sits just east of the intersection of Venice and San Vicente boulevards, was hardly more than a parking lot with minimal passenger amenities.



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CIM Group of Hollywood is constructing the commercial center, Mid-Town Plaza, which will be a mixed-use retail center housing a Target store, a Home Depot and other retail outlets behind the new bus facility. The complex is expected to open in mid-2007. CIM built the new bus terminal at no cost to Metro.

The facility is the western terminus of Metro Lines 30/31 and 330, which serve some 2,000 passengers a day, and the eastern terminus of Big Blue Bus Lines 12, 13, 5, 7, and Rapid 7, which also serves some 2,000 passengers daily. Metro will share the facility with Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus.

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