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Rose Queen® and Royal Court Encourage Public to "Go Metro" to 2007 Rose Parade Festivities

- Metro to run trains all night long New Year's Eve to make getting to parade easy. Metro Gold Line to run additional service New Year's Day

Video

The Tournament of Roses Queen and Court joined Metro officials today at the Union Station Metro Gold Line Station to encourage L.A. revelers to "Go Metro" to all 2007 New Year's and Tournament of Roses festivities in Pasadena.

This year's tournament theme is "Our Good Nature" and will feature spirited marching bands from throughout the nation, majestic floral floats, and high-stepping equestrian units. The internationally known event attracts more than one million spectators to Pasadena every year.

"We want everyone to arrive at the parade 'Good Natured,' for having taken advantage of the convenience of Metro Rail and avoiding traffic congestion in Pasadena," said Mary McCluggage, Rose Queen for the 2007 Tournament of Roses.

Metro Rail remains the quickest, easiest way to get in and out of Pasadena for all New Year's festivities. With its connections to both the Metro Gold Line and Metro Red Line, Metro Bus Lines, Metrolink, Amtrak and a host of municipal bus services, Union Station is the natural launch point for parade goers from throughout Los Angeles County and beyond.

"The Metro Gold Line is now in its fourth year of parade service. It has become a part of the Tournament of Roses tradition, carrying tens of thousands of spectators to Pasadena for parade festivities," said John Fasana, Duarte City Councilmember and Metro Board member. "With future extensions, the Gold Line will provide whole new communities with rail access to these world-class events."

To promote public safety, Metro will be providing free rides on all Metro buses and trains starting at 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24, through Christmas Day, December 25, ending at 2 a.m. The agency is also providing free rides on New Year's Eve, December 31, beginning at 9 p.m. through New Year's Day, January 1, ending again at 2 a.m.

The 118th Rose Parade® will take place Monday, Jan. 1, 2007 beginning at 8 a.m. All Metro Rail lines will operate all night Sunday at 20 minute headways to facilitate travel countywide and to enable parade goers to get an early place along the parade route. To accommodate a greater number of riders, Metro will run additional trains on the Metro Gold Line beginning at 5 a.m. until approximately 9 p.m.

Parade goers can choose to use one of four train stations in Pasadena: Memorial Park and Del Mar stations are about two blocks from the parade route; the Lake and Allen stations are approximately four blocks from the parade route.

Parking is available at several Metro Gold Line Stations, including Sierra Madre Villa (950 free and reserve spaces), Del Mar (600 paid spaces), Fillmore (131 free and reserve spaces), Mission (122 spaces), Heritage Square/Arroyo (145 free spaces), Lincoln Heights/Cypress Park (91 free spaces) and Union Station (2,000+ paid spaces).

The public may view post-parade floats via Metro Rail. Metro is offering shuttle service from the Sierra Madre Villa Gold Line Station on January 1 to Post Parade Park beginning at 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Shuttle service from Post Parade Park back to the Sierra Madre Villa Station will continue to 5:30pm. On January 2 shuttle service from the station to Post Parade Park begins at 7 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Service from Post Parade Park to

Sierra Madre Villa Station will continue until 5:30 p.m. Shuttle buses will pick up passengers every five to ten minutes from the station during these times. The cost to ride is a regular fare plus a transfer.

This year the 93rd Rose Bowl Game between USC and the University of Michigan is scheduled for 2 p.m. kick-off. Sports fans attending this game can also utilize the Metro Gold Line and exit at Memorial Park Station. They can then walk a short distance down Holly Street to the Parsons parking lot at 100 West Walnut Street to catch a free game shuttle starting at 1 p.m.

Metro does not allow eating, drinking or smoking on board Metro trains or buses. To ensure public safety, Metro prohibits the following items from being brought on board the Metro Bus or Rail system: flammable products, barbecues and oversized items such as ladders, umbrellas, tents, chairs and coolers.

Attending parade festivities after 2 a.m. New Year's Day is easy using the \$3 Metro Day Pass. Passes can be used for traveling on both Metro Bus and Rail and are valid from the time of purchase until 3 a.m. the next day. Tickets can be purchased on board Metro Buses or at ticket vending machines at Metro Rail stations.

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