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Joint Security Training Exercise Scheduled for L.A. Union Station Saturday, April 28

- **Service Alert:** Union Station transit riders can expect delays of 15 minutes or longer between 6 a.m. and noon

On Saturday morning, April 28, transit patrons utilizing Union Station between 6 a.m. and noon are advised that they may experience service delays of 15 minutes or longer on inbound and outbound rail and bus services due to a scheduled joint security training exercise.

Union Station transit operators, including the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Metrolink and Amtrak, will join the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Metro Security, Amtrak Police and the U.S. Department of Transportation in a Homeland Security exercise intended to rehearse a coordinated, multi-agency response to a possible Union Station security threat. As part of the exercise, law enforcement and security personnel will set up security checkpoints around Union Station as well as inspect inbound passenger trains and buses.

Union Station train services to be temporarily impacted include the Metro Red Line, the Metro Gold Line, Metrolink and Amtrak.

Several buses which normally discharge passengers at Union Station's Patsaouras Transit Plaza will be temporarily rerouted to adjacent street corners at Cesar Chavez Avenue and Vignes Street. Metro Bus Lines temporarily impacted will be Line # 33, 40, 42, 439, 442, 444, 445, 446 (Rte 447) and 745, and Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Line 10.

Metro, Metrolink and Amtrak apologize for the inconvenience this exercise may cause to transit riders arriving into or departing from Union Station. However, the exercise is an important and necessary activity to continually enhance security measures for the protection of the transit-riding public.

For additional Metro information and online transit trip planning, visit www.metro.net. For transit trip planning assistance over the phone, call 1-800-COMMUTE.

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