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**L.A. Metro, Rose Queen® and Royal Court Roll Out Special Commemorative Metro Gold Line Train for 119th Tournament of Roses Parade and 94th Rose Bowl Game®**

- Train artwork billed as the biggest bouquet of roses ever delivered to the Tournament of Roses

The Tournament of Roses Queen® and Court joined Metro officials today at Union Station to dedicate a special Metro Gold Line train as the 2008 "Tournament Train."

The commemorative train will feature colorful exterior artwork spanning two entire rail cars, and is presented as the biggest bouquet of roses ever delivered to the Tournament of Roses. It will promote Metro Gold Line service to tens of thousands of L.A. residents as it travels between downtown Los Angeles and Pasadena during the 10-day period leading up to New Year's Day.

"The Tournament of Roses parade and game is the biggest venue for Metro Gold Line service all year, with upwards of 60,000 train boardings on a single day," said Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica City Council member and Metro Board Chair. "Metro is meeting that demand this year with quality, all-night train service and free rides from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. that day to ensure the public enjoys these wonderful New Year's festivities."

This year marks the fifth consecutive year Metro has provided train service to Pasadena for parade festivities. Metro Rail remains the quickest, easiest way to get in and out of Pasadena for all New Year's festivities.

**Editor's Note:** For photos of Metro's commemorative train, contact Metro Media Relations at (213) 922-2700.

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The commemorative train features colorful exterior artwork spanning two entire rail cars on the Metro Gold Line.



Royal Court for the 2008 Tournament of Roses joins Metro officials at Union Station to dedicate the special 'Tournament Train' of the Metro Gold Line.



Royal Court for the 2008 Tournament of Roses says "Go Metro" to the New Year's festivities in Pasadena.