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Metro to Participate in Rail System-wide Earthquake Preparedness Drill Thursday, November 13

On Thursday November 13, Metro Rail will be participating in "The Great Southern California ShakeOut." This is a region-wide multi-agency exercise simulating a magnitude 7.8 earthquake on the San Andreas Fault. At approximately 10:00 a.m., Metro Rail trains will reduce speeds on all Metro Rail lines (Metro Red/Purple, Gold, Green and Blue lines) throughout the system so maintenance personnel can simulate inspections on track and other rail infrastructure.

It is anticipated that inspections of the entire Metro Rail System should be completed by approximately 11 a.m. Over the course of this one hour period, trains may run at minimum operating speeds (under 20 mph), depending on the location of the train and the exact time. All passengers riding during this time period should expect some delays and plan accordingly.

Metro apologizes for any inconvenience to our passengers during this exercise. For more information on "The Great Southern California ShakeOut", visit their website at <http://www.shakeout.org/>. For Metro route and schedule information patrons can call 1-800-C-O-M-M-U-T-E or visit www.metro.net.

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