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2009 Rose Queen® Courtney Lee and her Royal Court say:

Go Metro to all 2009 Tournament of Roses® Festivities

- *Photo:* 2009 Rose Queen Courtney Lee and her Royal Court encourage parade-goers and Rosebowl fans to 'Go Metro' on the Metro Gold Line to New Year's festivities in Pasadena.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is making it easy for all to enjoy annual New Year's celebrations via Metro Rail.

Metro bus and rail will be free from 9 p.m. on Dec. 31 until 2 a.m. on the morning of Jan. 1, 2009. Regular fares are in effect at 2 a.m. on New Year's Day. Attending parade festivities after 2 a.m. New Year's Day is easy using the \$5 Metro Day Pass.

Because all Metro Rail lines will operate all night long New Year's Eve, Angelenos can also easily travel to Pasadena via the Metro Gold Line for the 2009 Tournament of Roses Parade festivities. This year's Rose Parade®, themed "Hats Off to Entertainment" will feature majestic floral floats, high-stepping equestrian units and spirited marching bands showcasing the best in entertainment.



"Hats off to Metro for making it easy to attend this year's parade because there's certainly nothing entertaining about traffic," said 2009 Rose Queen® Courtney Lee. "What's more, paradegoers can get an early place in line by leaving the driving to Metro."

The Rose queen and court met at the Archstone Del Mar Station plaza in Pasadena today to promote Metro Gold Line service to parade festivities, now in its sixth official year of Parade service. The Metro Gold Line station resides within the Archstone Del Mar Station luxury apartment community, which has been lauded for its emphasis on eco-friendly transportation and unique approach to urban living. The community is also within walking distance of trendy Paseo Colorado, boutique shops and popular restaurants.

"Metro is very proud to share in the tradition that is the Tournament of Roses," said L.A. City Mayor and Metro Board Chair Antonio Villaraigosa. "As we continue to expand Los Angeles' public transit system, even more Angelenos will soon be able to safely 'Go Metro' to all Pasadena Tournament events."

The 120th Rose Parade will take place Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009 beginning at 8 a.m. To accommodate the large numbers of anticipated riders, Metro will run additional trains and more frequent service on the Metro Gold Line. Trains will run every 7 to 8 minutes between 5 a.m. and 2 p.m., every 10 minutes between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. and again every 7 to 8 minutes between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Parade goers can access any of four Pasadena train stations close to the parade route on Colorado Boulevard. 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, Del Mar, Fillmore, Mission, Heritage Square/Arroyo, Lincoln Heights/Cypress Park and the largest at Union Station.

College football fans attending the Rose Bowl 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 10 a.m.

Metro is also teaming up with the Tournament of Roses to provide easy access to view the Rose Parade floats after the parade. Direct shuttle service to Victory Park will be available from the Sierra Madre Villa Station from the Bus Plaza on the first level of the parking structure. Shuttles will depart every 5-10 minutes January 1 between 12:30 p.m and 3 p.m, and January 2 and 3 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Regular fares will apply.

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

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