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SAVE THE DATE

Rail transit finally returns to the Westside

Metro CEO to Announce Expo 2 Grand Opening Date

WHAT: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Chief Executive Officer Phil Washington will join Metro Board members to announce the opening date this spring for the Metro Expo Line extension to Santa Monica. Santa Monica and nearby areas have not been served by rail transit since 1953.

The \$1.5-billion, 6.6-mile light-rail project from Culver City to Santa Monica will have seven new stations: Palms, Westwood/Rancho Park, Expo/Sepulveda, Expo/Bundy, 26th Street/Bergamot, 17th Street/Santa Monica College and Downtown Santa Monica.

The first phase of the Expo Line between downtown Los Angeles and Culver City opened in 2012. When the second phase opens, train trips between downtown Santa Monica and downtown L.A. will take 46 minutes, giving riders a great alternative to driving the often congested Santa Monica Freeway. Metro eases traffic.

The Downtown Santa Monica Station is just steps from some of our region's most popular attractions, including the Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica Place, the Third Street Promenade, Tongva Park and Santa Monica State Beach. Other stations will help workers reach jobs in the media and tech corridors of West L.A. and Santa Monica.

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016, at 12:30 p.m. (or immediately after the monthly Metro Board Meeting adjourns).

WHERE: Metro Headquarters Building
One Gateway Plaza

Los Angeles, CA 90012 (front of Gateway building)

WHO: L.A. Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas
Metro CEO Phil Washington

**EDITOR'S
NOTE**

Opportunity for one-on-one interviews with Metro CEO Phil Washington and press conference speakers. For B-roll on Expo 2 Line media can travel along the alignment in public areas and take video of ongoing train testing. Trains are scheduled to be testing between Culver City and Santa Monica from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. the week of Feb. 22.

Metro Board Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas will also announce a community event later this year to celebrate that construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Line is half complete. The event is to thank the community for their patience and support.

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