

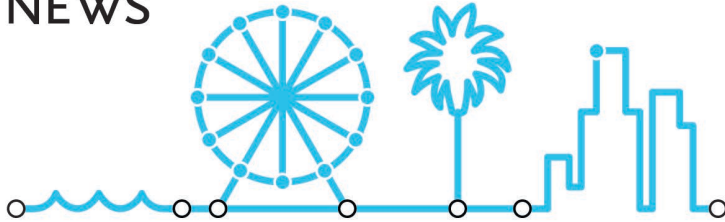


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Metro Initiated Pre-Revenue Train Service Today March 21 on Expo Line Phase 2

Metro started pre-revenue service on the Expo Line Phase 2 today as the preparations continue for the May 20 grand opening of the second light-rail project funded by Measure R. The trains travel between Culver City and Santa Monica every 12 to 20 minutes to simulate full rail service. Pre-revenue operations begin as early as 4 a.m. and will conclude at 2 a.m. the following day from Sunday to Thursday, and Friday and Saturday until 3 a.m.

Metro reminds pedestrians, motorists and residents along the alignment to obey all new warning signs and traffic signals at all times when crossing the rail tracks. Always look both ways before crossing any street. Never walk on the railroad tracks, watch for trains from both directions and use the crosswalks. Do not jaywalk across the tracks.

The \$1.5 billion new segment of the Metro Expo Line, from Culver City to Santa Monica, includes seven new stations: Palms, Westwood/Rancho, Expo/Sepulveda, Expo/Bundy, 26th/Bergamot, 17th/Santa Monica College and Downtown Santa Monica.

Expo Line Phase 2 was built by the Expo Construction Authority, an independent transportation planning and construction agency. It was funded by Measure R, the half-cent sales tax measure approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2008. Construction of Phase 2 began in 2011, and substantial completion was marked in February 2016 with the handover of the new maintenance facility.

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Overseeing one of the largest public works programs in America, Metro is, literally, changing the urban landscape of the Los Angeles region. Dozens of transit, highway and other mobility projects largely funded by Measure R are under construction or in the planning stages. These include five new rail lines, the I-5 widening and other major projects.

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