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The Metro Blue Line says “Hello/Goodbye” to New/Old Rail Cars

WHAT: After 27 years of service on the Metro Blue Line, the original P865 rail cars are being replaced with the new Kinkisharyo P3010 rail cars to enhance passenger service and improve vehicle reliability. A ceremony to commemorate the transition from the old to new rail cars will take place on June 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Blue Line’s main rail yard in northern Long Beach.

Nippon-Sharyo P865 rail cars have been in service since 1990 when the Blue Line opened for service between Long Beach and Los Angeles. Some of the old rail cars will be dismantled for parts and training purposes and the rest will be sold as “scrap” with a few cars saved for historical purposes. The new Kinkisharyo cars have been running on the Metro Expo and Gold Lines since 2016.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 21, at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Metro Blue Line Main Yard
4382 East 208th Street
Long Beach, CA 90810

WHO: John Fasana, Metro Board Chair & Mayor Pro Tem of the city of Duarte
Robert Garcia, Metro Board Member & Mayor of Long Beach
Janice Hahn, Metro Board Member & L.A. County Supervisor
Stephanie Wiggins, Metro Deputy CEO

VISUALS: Both new and old rail cars will be available for B-roll. An optional tour of the Blue Line’s operations and maintenance facility will follow. One-on-one interviews will be available with elected officials and Metro Rail officers.

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