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Metro Completes Improvements to Southern Segment of Blue Line, Announces Start of Construction on Northern Segment on June 1

WHAT: Metro will announce the completion of construction improvements to the southern portion of the Metro Blue Line and the start of similar construction work to take place on the northern segment of the Blue Line starting June 1.

Metro will resume Blue Line rail service on Saturday, June 1 between downtown Long Beach and the Compton Station. Blue line service from the Compton Station to the 7th Street/Metro Center Station in downtown Los Angeles will be replaced with bus shuttles until September when regular rail service will resume on the entire Blue Line.

This marks the halfway point of the \$350-million New Blue Project, which will bring Metro's older and historically busiest light rail line up to specifications of Metro newer rail lines. Improvements include replacing older rail tracks, overhead power lines, adding new switches, repainting stations and adding a digital communication and advertising network to stations. Upgrades are also being made to signage and landscaping. The Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station is completely rebuilt from top to bottom.

As part of the work on the northern segment, there will also be two station closures for 60 days on the Expo Line beginning June 22. Bus shuttles will replace Expo rail service between LATTC/Ortho Institute and 7th St/Metro Center.

After the press event, a demonstration of the new IxNTouch information screens will take place.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 29, at 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Blue Line Compton Station
275 Willowbrook Ave.

Compton, CA 90220

WHO: Metro Board Member and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia
Metro Board Member and L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn
Metro Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker
Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington

VISUALS: The refurbished Compton Station, demonstration of IxNTouch information screens, refreshed art, signage, newly painted station, new floor tile and landscaping.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Train service from Compton Station to Downtown Long Beach will return on Saturday, June 1. Train service between Compton and 7th St/Metro Center in Downtown Los Angeles will be replaced by bus shuttles. Regular fares apply.

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