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Metro Bus Accident

Earlier this morning, a Metro Bus on Line 439 struck a Transportation Concepts bus (a Metro contractor) traversing Line 603. The accident occurred around 5:50 a.m. at the intersection of Olive and 17th Streets in downtown Los Angeles. The Metro Bus on Line 439 was traveling northbound on Olive Street when it collided with the Transportation Concepts carrier, which was traveling westbound. Fortunately no passengers were onboard Line 603. However, 12 riders from Line 439 were treated for injuries. Nine people (including both operators) were transported to local hospitals. Numerous television, radio and print media outlets covered the accident, with stories running throughout today and tomorrow.

Metro Blue Line Train Accident

On Saturday night, around 8:40 p.m., a small Honda crossed the tracks in front of a Metro Blue Line train traveling southbound at Pico Boulevard and Flower Street in downtown Los Angeles. Of the eleven people who reported injuries, ten were immediately transported to California Medical Center. The remaining passenger chose to visit their own doctor. All injuries appeared to be minor in nature. Several television stations covered the incident and stories aired throughout the weekend.

Metro Orange Line July Ridership

Earlier today, the *Daily News* inquired about Metro's Orange Line ridership numbers for the month of July. Staff reported that, while the average number of weekday boardings has remained steady since June (approximately 20,000), Saturday and Sunday boardings have both reached new highs, at 12,813 and 10,428 respectively. In fact, weekend Orange Line ridership has grown steadily since December. Metro's January survey of Orange Line riders found that more

than half of weekend patrons report traveling the Orange Line for “Home to Other” – a category that includes shopping and recreation. Recent boarding numbers combined with usage information shows that San Fernando Valley residents are increasingly using the line for purposes other than their daily commute. The story is expected to run tomorrow.

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