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Metro employee, Fred Wenzel, a leader at the Central Maintenance Facility Machine Shop found missing hiker, Kyndall Jack, in Trabuco Canyon. Kyndall, along with friend and hiking partner, Nicholas Cendoya, were reported lost for four days. I am proud to report that Fred has been with our agency for 19 years, is an outstanding employee and is a search and rescue volunteer member with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Fred was first to find Kyndall and directed a helicopter to the location for her extraction. I express my thanks and appreciation for Fred's dedication to being a heroic search and rescue team member and Metro employee.

**Test Latching Scheduled for Eight Metro Rail Stations**

Metro scheduled additional gate-latching tests to take place at eight Red and Purple Line Stations today from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The latching includes both morning and evening peak rush times at the largest group of stations to be tested to date. Stations scheduled for today's latching include Union Station's West Portal, North Hollywood, Wilshire/Western, Wilshire/Normandie, Vermont/Beverly, Hollywood/Western, Hollywood/Vine and Vermont/Sunset. Staff is on hand to assist Metrolink passengers who still have paper tickets. Metro and Metrolink are working together on a TAP-enabled ticket that will be released to the public soon. Metro is conducting latching events to further test standard operating procedures for the gate help phone system that is continuing to be installed near all gate arrays. Staff will examine the results and evaluate the need for testing other stations. As of today, Metro is on schedule to latch stations permanently starting in mid-June.

**Los Angeles Times Story Regarding Metro ExpressLanes**

A Los Angeles Times story looking at the first three months of operation of the Metro ExpressLanes along the Harbor Freeway is expected to run tomorrow. The reporter interviewed staff last week regarding the recently released preliminary report on the performance so far along the Harbor Freeway ExpressLanes. It was also noted that currently more than 135,000 transponders have been issued, representing a significant growth. The story is expected to run sometime this week.

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