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Media Advisory/Photo Opportunity

ROSE QUEEN® AND ROYAL COURT TO GREET PASSENGERS AT HISTORIC UNION STATION, ENCOURAGE METRO, METROLINK SERVICE TO ROSE PARADE EVENTS

WHAT: The 2012 Tournament of Roses Queen® and Royal Court will meet with Metro, and Metrolink officials in front of historic L.A. Union Station on Dec. 28 to greet L.A. County bus and rail passengers and promote Metro and Metrolink rail services to New Year's festivities and the 2012 Rose Parade, Rose Bowl game and post-parade float-viewing in Pasadena. Metro will be offering free rides New Year's Eve until 2 a.m. and operate all Metro Rail Lines and Orange Line throughout the night New Year's Eve (Dec. 31/Jan. 1). Throughout the night Jan. 1-2, Metro will operate the Red, Purple and Gold Lines only to enable revelers to attend all tournament festivities in Pasadena. Metrolink will announce special services on the San Bernardino and Antelope Valley Line and 2-for-1 discounts on Metrolink trains.

WHEN: **Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011**
10 a.m. press conference
10:30 Rose Queen/Royal Court media ride on Metro Gold Line

WHERE: Union Station*
Front Courtyard
800 N Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA   **Map**: 634 H3

* Media parking available Union Station parking lot on Alameda St.

WHO: Richard Katz, Metro Board Member, Metrolink Board Chair
Lonnie Mitchell, Chief Operating Officer, Metro
Rose Queen Drew Helen Washington
Rose Princesses: Morgan Eliza Devaud, Stephanie Grace Hynes, Cynthia Megan Louie, Kimberly Victoria Ostiller, Hanan Bulto Worku, Sarah Nicole Zuno

VISUALS: Bustling Union Station transit hub features tens of thousands of daily passengers. The queen and court will greet Metrolink, Amtrak and Metro riders before walking to Metro Gold Line station and boarding a northbound train for a short demonstration ride with media and agency officials.

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