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Mayor Joins Metro Rapid Expansion Celebration

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MTA CEO Roger Snoble (left) and LA Mayor James Hahn try out the new Metro Rapid Line 754.

Easy-to-read decals with useful information about routes and schedules are being affixed to all MTA bus stop poles.

Rapid Openings

LA Mayor and MTA Board Member James Hahn and MTA CEO Roger Snoble tried out the new Vermont Metro Rapid Line 754, which opened Dec. 15.

Line 754 and the new South Broadway Metro Rapid Line 745 are expected to be just as popular with riders as the first Metro Rapid lines on Wilshire/Whittier and Ventura boulevards. Trips on Metro Rapid are nearly 30% faster than regular Metro Bus service because of fewer stops and technology on the low-floor buses that extend the duration of green traffic signals.

In June, Metro Rapid will be launched on Florence Avenue and Van Nuys Boulevard. By 2008, Metro Rapid will be offered on 26 lines totaling nearly 400 miles. [MN](#)

New Bus Stop Signs To Go Systemwide

Metro Bus passengers can leave their compasses at home.

New bus decals being installed at all Metro Bus stops will help passengers better navigate the Metro Bus system by providing updated information on bus routes and schedules.

By year's end, MTA's 18,000 bus stops will feature the bright yellow plastic-encased signs, which also reassure riders that they are traveling on the right bus line.

The decals complement the other system information, such as the 1.800.COMMUTE customer information line and MTA's web-based trip planner at mta.net [MN](#)

New Ventura Boulevard Metro Rapid Station Opens

Metro San Fernando Valley has added a new Metro Rapid station on Ventura Boulevard.

"The customers told us they needed a station. We gave them one," said Metro San Fernando Valley General Manager David Armijo.

Situated at Ventura Boulevard and De Soto Avenue, the station was also established to provide patrons with better access to Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills Medical Center, which is located a half block north.

Metro Rapid stations are spaced nearly one mile apart to improve travel times; most are canopied with variable message signs and maps. [MN](#)

Valley Late Night Bus Service Increased

More late night trips on Metro Bus lines 166 and 243 are being offered for passenger convenience.

In conjunction with extended service hours on the Metro Red Line, 11:20 p.m. and 12:20 a.m. departures from the Universal City Metro Rail Station were added to Line 166. Both trips also serve the North Hollywood Metro Rail Station.

Additionally, a 9:11 p.m. departure from Ventura Boulevard and De Soto Avenue was added to Line 243. The trip was added as a convenience for students attending night classes at Los Angeles Pierce College in Woodland Hills. [MN](#)



Co-funded by MTA, new bridge near Imperial/Wilmington/Rosa Parks Metro Rail Station has reduced traffic congestion and improved safety.

Bridge Improves Safety Near Metro Rail Station

A newly opened bridge spanning a busy Metro Rail and Union Pacific railroad crossing at Imperial Highway and Wilmington Avenue has made the roadways much safer for drivers no longer tempted to outrun trains.

A joint project of MTA, the city and county of Los Angeles and Caltrans, the Imperial Highway bridge has eased traffic congestion caused by cars waiting for trains to pass at the Imperial/Wilmington/Rosa Parks Metro Rail Station and reduced the response time of emergency vehicles that serve the King/Drew Medical Center.

The bridge serves east- and westbound traffic along Imperial Highway spanning Wilmington Avenue and the Metro Blue Line and Union Pacific tracks. [MN](#)

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Training Day:

Beginning early this year, LAPD officers, LA County Sheriff's Department deputies and MTA security personnel will increase their security presence on Metro Bus and Metro Rail by patrolling on 12 two-wheeled, electric vehicles known as Segways. Law enforcement began training on the scooters in December.

More Limited Stop Service Offered For Downtown/Santa Monica And San Gabriel Valley

One of Metro's busiest bus lines which once only offered limited stop service on weekdays now runs on Saturdays as well.

A branch of Line 33 that travels along Venice Boulevard between Union Station in downtown and Santa Monica, limited stop Line 333 operates westbound in the morning and eastbound in the afternoon during peak service hours.

On weekdays, additional trips have been added to Line 33 in both directions. [MN](#)

Three new limited stop routes in the San Gabriel Valley are reducing travel time for passengers by 10% to 20%.

Metro San Gabriel Valley has formed three new limited stop lines numbered 370, 380 and 381 to complement lines 70 (Garvey Ave.), 180 (Pasadena – Glendale – Hollywood) and 81 (Figueroa St.) respectively, which serve such cities as El Monte, Eagle Rock and Glendale.

The new limited stop lines provide service on weekdays during morning and evening peak hours in both directions. [MN](#)

