

Metro News

Metro Gold Line Opening Nears

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During test run, Metro Gold Line train gracefully and swiftly rounds a bend on a 1/2-mile aerial segment between Chinatown and Union Station in downtown Los Angeles, a 2-minute, one-way trip.

Metro Gold Line Testing Precursor To Opening

The 13.7-mile Metro Gold Line is expected to open in mid-2003 following a battery of safety and reliability tests.

The line will travel between Union Station in downtown Los Angeles — transfer point to the Metro Red Line subway — and East Pasadena, with stops at 13 stations located in Lincoln Heights, Mount Washington, Highland Park, South Pasadena and Pasadena.

The Metro Gold Line is part of MTA's Metro Rail system and will broaden the easy and convenient access of everyday Metro System riders, commuters, tourists and others to major job centers, government, schools, hospitals, shopping, sports, entertainment and cultural venues. [MN](#)



MTA Managing Director of Safety and Security Paul Lennon and LA County Sheriff's Department Capt. Dan Finkelstein, MTA's chief of Transit Police, inspect Metro Red Line subway railcar.

MTA Stands Ready For Any Emergency

During these uncertain times, all precautions have been taken by MTA and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) to protect passengers of the Metro Bus and Metro Rail systems.

If circumstances warrant, MTA will activate its Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which monitors daily intelligence from, among others, the Office of Homeland Security, FBI and other local, county and federal law enforcement sources.

In coordination with other EOCs in the city, county and state, MTA will take prompt preventative actions in response to any threats on its transit system.

All Metro Buses and Metro Rail lines during this time will operate according to normal schedules unless a specific threat is reported.

LASD is responsible for all security and law enforcement on the Metro System. [MN](#)

New Limited Stop Service In Store For San Gabriel Valley

Metro San Gabriel Valley is launching several new limited stop lines in June that will significantly improve travel time.

Limited stop buses make far fewer stops than local buses and stop at transfer points with other crossing bus lines.

Line 361 will run along the same route of the existing Line 260 on Atlantic Boulevard and Fair Oaks Avenue, which runs through Pasadena, Alhambra, Monterey Park, East Los Angeles, South Gate and Lynwood.

Line 350 will run along with Line 251 on Soto Street and will serve Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, Vernon, Huntington Park and South Gate.

The new services will operate north and southbound during both morning and afternoon peak hours on weekdays only. [MN](#)

Bus And Rail Seats Receiving Makeover

Thousands of damaged seats are being replaced on Metro Buses and Metro Rail trains, as part of a new Metro System cleanliness program.

The installation of "transportation velvet" seats on 1,900 Metro Buses — nearly the equivalent of the entire peak hour fleet — and on 69 Metro Rail cars complements the continued delivery of new buses and overall better service. [MN](#)



Passengers can move about Union Station much more easily as a result of roomier concourse and other improvements including more signage.

Union Station Receives Face-Lift

A nearly complete initial series of improvements to historic Union Station will make it easier for travelers to determine when and where their buses and trains arrive and depart.

An estimated 40,000 passengers pass through Union Station every day to access Metro Bus and Metro Rail, municipal bus service, Amtrak and Metrolink commuter trains.

The improvements, a joint effort by MTA, Metrolink and Catellus Development Corp., include new signage, lighting, restrooms, a public address system in the pedestrian tunnels linking the station with MTA's Gateway Transit Center, landscaping and restoration of historic ceilings.

In addition, a roomier concourse leads to train platforms. [MN](#)

Dodgers Hit Grand Slam With New Stadium Shuttle

Baseball fans can now travel to Friday night Dodger home games by first taking Metro Rail or Metro Bus to Union Station and then connecting to a new \$2 roundtrip shuttle.

The Dodger-operated "Station to Stadium Shuttle" runs to Dodger Stadium from the Patsaouras Transit Plaza at Union Station, every 7-10 minutes from Berth 9 starting at 5:30 p.m. until 30 minutes after the first pitch.

Return shuttle trips will begin in the top of the 8th inning and will continue until 30 minutes after the last out. [MN](#)

Friday Night Game Schedule And Promotions

May 2	Pittsburgh	Bobblehead #1	Aug. 8	Chicago	Foam Finger
May 16	Florida	T-Shirt	Aug. 22	New York	Back to School Binder*
May 30	Milwaukee		Aug. 29	Colorado	Fireworks
June 6	Chicago	American Flag	Sept. 12	San Diego	Bobblehead #3
June 20	Anaheim	Antenna Pennant	Sept. 19	San Francisco	Team Photo
July 4	Arizona	Fireworks			
July 18	St. Louis				

*Item for youngsters 14 and under in attendance.



MTA CEO Roger Snoble (on stairwell) joins (L-R) Councilman Eric Garcetti, Dodger coach Manny Mota, Councilman Ed Reyes, former Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda, MTA Board Chair Hal Bernson and Dodger VP Derrick Hall at ribbon-cutting ceremony for new Dodger Stadium shuttle.