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200 More Buses

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Buses with more seating capacity, like the 45-foot Metro Rapid bus, make up most of the 200 new bus purchase being made by Metro.

Metro Adding 200 Buses

At Metro, improving service means more buses. And Metro recently took action to add 200 new buses to its fleet.

The new bus purchase will include 94 articulated buses that seat 45% more passengers than a standard 40-foot bus and 100 45-foot-long buses that have 15% more seating capacity.

In addition, Metro is purchasing six 40-foot hybrid buses that run on gasoline and electricity. The other new buses all use compressed natural gas as fuel.

In the past nine years, Metro has purchased 2,000 new buses. By buying buses with a larger seating capacity, Metro will have increased the number of bus passenger seat available by more than 29,000 in the last two years. [MN](#)

Orange Line Opens To Fanfare



Community celebrations and free rides marked the opening of Valley's Metro Orange Line on Saturday, October 29 as the public got its first look at the 14-mile transitway that provides a direct route between Warner Center and the North Hollywood Metro Rail Station. Events were held the opening day at the North Hollywood, Van Nuys, Balboa, and Warner Center stations, with free rides on the line both Saturday and Sunday.

Expo Rail Line Report Available

Metro has released the final environmental impact report on the Exposition Light Rail Line proposed from Downtown LA to Venice/Robertson boulevards in Culver City.

The 9-mile-long Exposition Line would share tracks and the 7th/Metro and Pico stations with the Metro Blue Line. South of downtown, it would travel on a rail right-of-way on Exposition Boulevard, paralleling the I-10 Freeway, to Venice and Robertson.

In addition to 7th/Metro and Pico, the line would have eight stations along the route. A second phase of the project would extend the line to Santa Monica.

Release of the report is one of the final steps before construction can begin in 2006 and the line completed in 2010. Read the complete report and get a schedule of public hearings at [metro.net/expo](#). [MN](#)

Metro Steps Up Security

Metro continues to increase security efforts for passenger safety, recently awarding a contract for installation of upgraded digital video recorders on buses and in train stations.

The upgraded digital video recorders (DVR) will be installed on 397 buses purchased in the late 1990s. Unlike the older DVR's, the new units can store and transmit "real-time" images to the central monitoring system. Another contract will provide pan-tilt-zoom cameras and a DVR system to improve Metro Rail security surveillance. [MN](#)

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15th Anniversary Mariachi Festival November 20

Celebrate "New Generations In Mariachi Music" at the 15th Anniversary Mariachi Festival, Sunday, November 20 at Mariachi Plaza, First and Boyle in Boyle Heights. Entrance to the festival is free and it runs from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

Go Metro! Mariachi Plaza is served by Metro Bus Lines 30-31 which connect with several other lines. For your exact route, use the Metro Trip Planner at [metro.net](#). [MN](#)

Hollywood Christmas Parade November 27

It's a Hollywood holiday tradition for the whole family! See celebrities, marching bands, floats, classic cars, equestrian units and more at the 74th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade Sunday, November 27, along Hollywood Boulevard.

Come early and enjoy the parade from curbside for free. Grand Marshal for this year's event is Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Getting to the event is fast, easy and convenient on Metro. And Metro Rail's Hollywood/Highland and Hollywood/Vine stations are right along the parade route. For connections, use the Metro Trip Planner at [metro.net](#). [MN](#)



Metro Art Unveils New Photo Display

Large-scale photo based artworks by four contemporary artists are now featured at three Metro Rail stations.

Artists Stephen Galloway, Soo Kim, and Walter Martin with Paloma Muñoz were selected from 189 artists from across the country. Seven photos, each 3 ft x 4 ft are sequentially arranged on internally illuminated boxes. The results present a glowing, luminous and colorful display that engages Metro riders on their daily commute. Artwork will be rotated throughout the year on the mezzanine levels of the Hollywood/Highland, 7th/Metro and Wilshire/Normandie stations of the Metro Red Line. [MN](#)



San Fernando Holiday Parade December 11

Get a head start on the holidays at the 56th Annual San Fernando Heritage & Holiday Parade, Sunday, December 11 starting at 1 pm along Brand Boulevard between O'Melveny Avenue and San Fernando Road.

San Fernando Recreation Park will also be transformed into an old-fashioned winter wonderland as Santa's Village Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11 from 10 am to 6 pm featuring a kiddy parade, free family photos with Santa, tons of snow, Santa's workshop, and other activities. For more information, contact 818.601.4930 or visit [sanfernandoparade.com](#).

Get to the parade and Santa's Village on Metro Bus lines 92 and 94. For connections, use the Trip Planner at [metro.net](#). [MN](#)