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- **The Gold Line extension comes just in time to invite Eastside communities to 'Go Metro' to the world-renowned Tournament of Roses events in Pasadena**

(Dec. 31, 2009) Metro Board Member and Los Angeles City Councilman Jose Huizar joined forces Monday, Dec. 28, with 2010 Rose Queen® Natalie Anne Innocenzi, center right, and the Royal Court, Metro officials and community members at Metro Gold Line Mariachi Plaza Station in Boyle Heights to promote taking the Metro Gold Line to New Years festivities in Pasadena. For the first time ever, the communities of East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and the Little Tokyo/Arts District will be able to ride a rail line directly to Pasadena for the Tournament of Roses parade and Rose Bowl game and post-parade viewing of the floats just north of the Sierra Madre Villa Station.

Metro is making it easy for parade-goers from every corner of L.A. County to reach New Year's Eve events. All Metro Rail Lines will run every 20 minutes overnight from Dec. 31 into Jan. 1. The Metro Orange Line also will operate all night. The agency will be providing free rides Dec. 31 on all Metro bus and rail lines from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. on the morning of Jan. 1.

After 2 a.m., regular fares go into effect. Those attending parade festivities after 2 a.m. New Year's Day can purchase the \$5 Metro Day Pass for unlimited train rides that day. In addition to the overnight service, Metro will run additional trains and more frequent service on the Metro Gold Line to accommodate the large numbers of anticipated riders beginning at 5 a.m. and continuing through 9 p.m., with trains running as frequently as every seven to eight minutes to and from Pasadena.