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METRO GREEN LINE CARS OFFICIALLY NAMED AFTER CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Marking another milestone of the Metro Green Line, several mayors and members of city councils named today 15 rail cars after cities and communities located along the Green Line route.

Cities and communities adopting Green Line cars were, Redondo Beach, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Gardena, Lynwood, Paramount, Downey, South Gate, Bellflower, Norwalk, Watts, Westchester, Willowbrook and Athens.

"Naming the cars after cities and county communities helps in the creation of Green Line ownership and pride of residents and businesses along the line," said Supervisor Mike Antonovich, chairman of the MTA. "These cities and communities will be recognized by plaques with a description of their communities to be placed in the interior of the Green Line cars."

The ceremony took place at a park-and-ride lot adjacent to the Marine/Redondo Station of the Green Line, located at 5301 Marine Avenue in Hawthorne.

"Naming the rail cars follows a tradition begun with the Metro Blue Line five years ago, and marks a step forward in the preparations for the opening day," said Supervisor Yvonne Burke.

Burke, along with several mayors and elected representatives for each city and community, broke ceremonial champagne-style bottles to mark the naming of the cars.

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"This is an opportunity to honor and thank the mayors, city council members and community leaders of the cities along the Metro Green Line alignment," said Franklin E. White, MTA's chief executive officer. "Their support and cooperation during more than 10 years of planning and construction helped to establish a firm foundation for the success of the Green Line."

Manufactured by Sumitomo Corporation of America, the 15 new cars are identical to the Metro Blue Line cars and will have the same striping. The cars measure 87 feet, weigh 98,000 pounds and have 76 seats. The passenger capacity with standees is 230.

The cars are equipped with intercom and public address systems that allow two-way communications between passengers and the operator. Passengers can use the intercom during emergencies just by pushing a button.

The Metro Green Line is 20 miles long with 14 stations. It will travel east to west serving several communities from Norwalk to Redondo Beach. Metro Green Line passengers may connect to the Blue Line at the Imperial/Wilmington station, which then connects them to the Red Line at 7th and Flower in downtown Los Angeles, and to the Metrolink system at Union Station. The line is scheduled to open this summer.

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