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SOUTH CENTRAL RESIDENT RETURNS TO SCHOOL FOR GREEN LINE TRAINING

-- MTA Transit Operations Supervisor Arnold Johnson, who drove MTA buses for 15 years, feels like he's back in school these days. He is among the first group of operators tapped to operate trains on the MTA Green Line, a new east-west rail line opening this summer. "It was definitely no cakewalk," Johnson notes. "There is a lot of studying you have to do. The differences between buses and trains are substantial. It requires your full attention, believe me." The first Green Line operators have come from disparate backgrounds to form a cohesive team that relies on each other to ensure Green Line service will be reliable starting on opening day. The 20-mile route will serve the southern portion of Los Angeles County from the city of Norwalk to LAX.

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