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NEW METRO BUS LINE TO SERVE THREE LARGE EMPLOYMENT CENTERS
**MTA INAUGURATES NEW BUS LINE TO SERVE ALAMEDA STREET
BETWEEN UNION STATION AND THE METRO BLUE LINE**

On Sunday, November 19, 2000, the MTA will begin bus service on Alameda Street between Union Station and the Metro Blue Line's Washington Station with the start up of Line 58.

One of two pilot program lines developed this year by the MTA to provide improved transportation to jobs, medical facilities and schools, Line 58 will provide service to three large employment centers including the VA Hospital (at Alameda and Temple), the Wholesale Produce Market and the large L.A. Times Distribution Center near Olympic Boulevard.

Line 58 will operate seven days a week between 5:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. with 10 minute service during weekday hours and 30 minute service on weekday nights and weekends.

The one way cash fare on Metro Buses is \$1.35, but service on Line 58 will be free through December 30, 2000.

A second pilot program bus line, Line 214, began service on October 9. Line 214 operates shuttle service linking the Artesia Harbor Transitway Station with industrial and light manufacturing employment areas along Main Street and Broadway. The line also provides access to Gardena Memorial Hospital through a connection with Gardena Transit Line 3 at Gardena Boulevard and Main Street. Service operates everyday between 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. with 15 minute service during peak hours and 30 minute service on nights and weekends.

Fare on Line 214 is free through December 16 and \$1.35 thereafter.

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