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MTA OFFICIALS TO BE ON HAND AS METRO RED LINE NORTH HOLLYWOOD EXTENSION AND METRO RAPID BUS BEGIN SERVICE; WEEKEND FESTIVITIES PLANNED

On Saturday, June 24, 2000, the MTA will inaugurate service on the Metro Red Line North Hollywood extension and the Metro Rapid bus demonstration program. Rides on Metro Rapid buses will be free to the public through June 30 and rides on the entire 17.4-mile Metro Red Line subway will be free Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25. MTA officials will be available for media interviews on Saturday.

- **MTA Chief Operating Officer Allan Lipsky** will be available for interviews at the Metro Red Line North Hollywood Station from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

- **Metro Rapid Project Manager Rex Gephart** will be available for interviews at the Metro Red Line Universal City Station, the eastern terminus of Metro Rapid Line 750, one of two new Metro Rapid lines. Line 720 operates on the Wilshire/Whittier corridor from Santa Monica to Montebello. In addition to arriving and departing Metro Rapid buses, a Metro Rapid Bus will be on display.

Grand opening festivities will be held at all three new Metro Red Line stations:

- **North Hollywood Station** (corner of Lankershim and Chandler) — **11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday & Sunday.** The new station will serve as the gateway to the NoHo International Theatre & Arts Festival which will feature live theater, music, crafts, magic shows, etc.

- **Universal City Station** — Meet some of Universal Studios Hollywood's best-loved characters, enjoy live entertainment, receive special discounts to Universal Studios Hollywood, selected Universal CityWalk restaurants and Imax Theater at Universal CityWalk. **Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

- **Hollywood/Highland Station** — Enjoy Hollywood's newest attractions in the center of Tinseltown, **10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, June 24 only.**

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