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Media Advisory / Photo Opportunity

L.A. Metro to Test Electric Bicycles for L.A. County's Growing Metro Bike Share Network

WHAT: The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will test new "Metro Electric Bikes" at Union Station as part of its Downtown L.A. pilot program to evaluate their application on Metro's growing countywide bike share system. Local media are invited to preview and ride the bikes, which offer electric-powered pedaling assistance for making faster, easier trips to and from local destinations. The new Metro e-bikes have a 17-mph top speed and can travel up to 30 miles on a single charge. Metro could add hundreds of the new e-bikes to its bike share system early next year as part of ongoing efforts to improve the bike share rider's experience as well as help reduce vehicle trips in L.A. County.

WHEN: Thursday, November 8, 2018
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Media Availability

WHERE: Los Angeles Union Station West
Metro Bike Share Station inside Lot B
800 N. Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Media Van Parking available on curb adjacent to Lot B

WHO: Metro Bike Share Program staff
Bicycle Transit Systems, Inc.
Bicycle riders

VISUALS: Ten new Bicycle electric Metro Bikes will feature a pedal-assist motor on the front wheel. Metro employees and others will test the bikes on a small hill on N. Los Angeles Street in front of El Pueblo across from Union Station. Staff will demonstrate how to check out a bicycle from the station and ride it. Media rides will be provided.