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News Release

METROLINK'S HOLIDAY TOY EXPRESS TRAIN BEGINS ITS ANNUAL RUN ON NOVEMBER 23

With a free live stage show and more than 50,000 lights, Santa's special train will visit 45 stations and help firefighters collecting donations for the southland's neediest children

LOS ANGELES, CA, Monday, Nov. 4, 2002: For the sixth year, Santa is trading in his sleigh for a 450 ton Metrolink train. The 2002 Holiday Toy Express, standing more than 15 feet high and sparkling with oversized garland and animated, lighted holiday displays will begin visiting Southern California Metrolink stations on Saturday, Nov. 23.

This extra-special Metrolink train will stop at 45 stations located along Metrolink's San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Orange County, and Antelope Valley lines presenting a free live-action holiday musical production on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings from Nov. 23 through Dec. 22.

Families are invited to come to their local station, meet Santa and his friends, and enjoy an all-new holiday production. In this year's show Santa Claus meets one of his admirers...from outer space!

"We would like to invite everyone in the community to come and join the festivities," said Los Angeles City Councilman and Metrolink Board Chairman Hal Bernson. "With its thousands of lights and animated displays, Metrolink's

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Holiday Toy Express is truly a spectacular sight and a wonderful way to enjoy the holidays and share in the spirit of your community.”

A ceremonial lighting of the Holiday Toy Express Train will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Anaheim Metrolink Station, 2150 E. Katella Ave, Anaheim, at 5:45 p.m.

Metrolink is again partnering with the Southern California Firefighters in the Spark of Love Toy Drive. At each Holiday Toy Express Train station stop audience members are encouraged to get into the holiday spirit and donate unwrapped toys. Local fire departments will be on hand to collect the toys and distribute them to needy children within their own communities.

For more information about Metrolink Holiday Toy Express Train times and station locations call Metrolink at (800) 371-LINK or visit the Metrolink web site at: www.metrolinktrains.com.

Metrolink is Southern California's regional commuter rail service and is in its tenth year of operations. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority, a joint powers authority made up of an 11-member board representing the transportation commissions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties, governs the service. Metrolink continues to be one of the nation's fastest growing commuter rail services, operating over seven routes through a six-county network with 507 total route miles.

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