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PORT OF LOS ANGELES 'TRACKS' HISTORY WITH THE REAPPEARANCE OF PACIFIC ELECTRIC RED CARS

SAN PEDRO, CA – All aboard, Los Angeles! Today, the Port of Los Angeles welcomed the full operation of its Waterfront Red Car Line during Red Car Revival!, a nostalgic event celebrating the inauguration of the historic Pacific Electric Red Cars.



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The Port of Los Angeles has resurrected a part of local history with the launch of the Red Cars, including a partial reinstatement of the former Pacific Electric San Pedro Line that dates back to the beginning of the 20th century. Utilizing this historic rail line, this is the first time in more than 40 years that Red Cars have run anywhere in Los Angeles.

"The Red Cars are unique component of our City's history," said Mayor Jim Hahn. "I am sure this will bring back good memories for everyone who lived here during those years. The Red Cars will give new generations a taste of the old history while making our port more attractive to residents and travelers."

The route encompasses a 1.5-mile rail line that connects the Los Angeles World Cruise Center with other attractions along the waterfront, such as the Los Angeles Maritime Museum and Ports O' Call Village. The Downtown Station at 6th Street and Harbor Boulevard stands where the old Pacific Electric San Pedro Depot stood years ago.

"The return of the historic Red Car is a fantastic contribution to our ongoing waterfront development and also serves as a reminder of our unique San Pedro history," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "When my father took my brother and I on the last ride of the old Red Car in 1961, I never dreamed that I would be riding the inaugural ride on the revived car 42 years later."

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The \$1 all-day fare includes unlimited rides and is transferable for free rides on San Pedro Electric Trolleys, which are jointly operated by the Port of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The trolleys connect passengers to downtown San Pedro and the Cabrillo Beach areas.

“We invite all of Los Angeles to take a ride on our Red Car Line,” said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Larry Keller. “Now the rest of Los Angeles will have another reason to appreciate San Pedro and our wonderful working waterfront, which are truly treasures of our City.”

To capture the essence of an era, the Port refurbished one authentic Pacific Electric vintage car and carefully patterned two replica cars after the 1920s Pacific Electric 500-class design. The line debuted with the original, Car 1058, and one replica, Car 501. The second replica, Car 500, is expected to be completed and will be added to the line in August.

Red Car hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday through Monday. This four-day schedule is based around the days when cruise ships normally call at the Cruise Center. The system will also run on select Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays when cruise ships are in Port.

For 60 years, a vast network of electric railway lines operated by the Pacific Electric Railway served the greater Los Angeles area, with more than 1,000 miles of rail line stretching to Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The line to San Pedro was discontinued by 1958 and the entire system closed three years later.

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