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**SUBJECT: METRO RED LINE DELAY**

The Metro Red Line experienced a major gas alarm this morning at the Westlake/MacArthur Park Station forcing the closure of the station. The incident occurred at 6:50 a.m. this morning. LA City Fire responded to the station, evacuated and closed the station, however, detected no noticeable levels of methane gas, concluding it to be a false alarm.

However, subsequent to the alarm going off, at approximately 7:20 a.m. the station experienced a water leak, which activated emergency procedures within the station, shutting down electrical power.

As a result, a Metro Red Line train was stalled in the tunnel between the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Metro Center Station and the Westlake Station. Approximately 200 passengers on board were evacuated.

The Metro Red Line experienced major delays as a result of the incident, with trains being turned back at the Wilshire/Vermont Station and at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Metro Center Station.

Service was restored at approximately 8:30 a.m. this morning. Staff continues to investigate the source of the leaking water at the Westlake station.

Various media outlets reported the stations closure this morning and Media Relations received numerous media calls regarding this morning's incident.