

## FAST FORWARD

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## Weather



It's wet. And it's going to stay wet. The forecast calls for continued showers today and tomorrow with highs in the 60s and lows in the 40s. Keep your umbrella at hand. Stay warm and dry.

## Inside



## Composers help enliven movies

From John Williams' "Star Wars" score to Danny Elfman's work on films like "Pee Wee's Big Adventure," composers of film scores take an extreme de-

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## Metro Rail plans USC station

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One of the newest routes proposed for Los Angeles' Metro Rail system may link the USC campus with downtown Los Angeles and the rest of the region's growing rail transit network.

The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, the agency that plans the rail system, recently released a report outlining the impact of a rail line on the surrounding community.

The line, officially called the Exposition Park Branch Line, is planned to be an extension of the Metro Blue Line, the railway that currently runs between Long Beach and downtown Los Angeles.

The proposed two-mile route would begin at Flower Street and Washington Boulevard and run south along Flower with two stations, one at 23rd Street and another at Jef-

erson Boulevard. The line would then curve west and run along the middle of Exposition Boulevard, with a third station located between Vermont Avenue and Trousdale Parkway, on the southwest edge of campus.

According to LACTC's Jim De La Loza, project manager for the rail line, the Exposition Park route is one of 10 rail lines currently in planning. Out of the 10, one or two routes will be selected next April to be the next of the new rail lines to be built.

"This project has very strong support from the city of L.A. and the surrounding community," De La Loza said.

He also said that, assuming the line is selected, it will take about two years' worth of engineering studies to determine exactly how the line will be built. One concern is the impact of auto traffic at the corner of Figueroa Street and Exposition Boulevard.

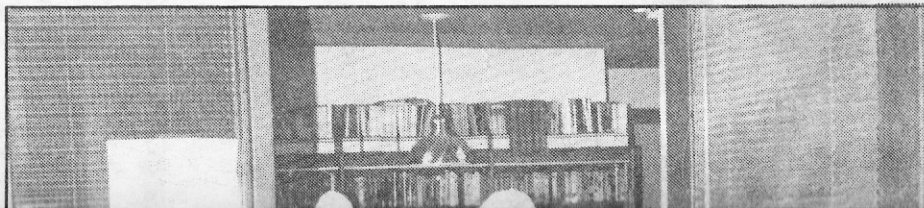
Though the trains will travel at ground level, plans call for the line to be either on an elevated bridge or in a short subway tunnel through that busy intersection.

According to De La Loza, construction could begin in 1995 if the line is chosen. Construction would take an estimated eight to 16 months, with trains operating to USC by 1996 at the earliest.

According to the LACTC's report, noise and traffic levels would increase during the construction phase due to construction equipment. But De La Loza said that a mitigation program will be in effect to minimize inconveniences as much as possible along the route.

Construction would also require the removal and replacement of the 85-year-old railroad tracks along Exposition Boulevard. Those tracks once carried commuter trains

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## Accident near cinema school closes down complex for evening

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