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up until the early 1950s as part of L.A.'s old Red Car trolley system.

De La Loza also added that the architects and engineers who will design the rail route will be in cooperation with the university architect and the School of Architecture, possibly in designing the Exposition Park / Vermont station and other facilities.

Ron Andrade, a business major and staff member, currently commutes to campus via Metro Blue Line and bus from his home in Long Beach.

"An extension running straight to USC would be a great convenience to me, of course, but the transfer from the train to the bus isn't much trouble," he said. "Although such an extension could act as an incentive to get more people to commute via the Blue Line to and from USC."

The rail line would not only serve the university but would also bring people to and from sporting events in the Coliseum and the Sports Arena. An estimated 15,000 people are projected to take the train daily. The trip from 7th Street downtown to Exposition Park would take approximately 11 minutes.

Upon completion in the mid-1990s, the Exposition line would provide a direct Metro Rail connection from USC to such places as Long Beach, Pasadena, Norwalk, LAX and the Mid-Wilshire district.

A separate plan also calls for extending the Exposition line westward toward Santa Monica.

Genevieve Giuliano, associate professor of Urban and Regional Planning, said that the potential future rail link would "not have any significant dramatic impact on the university." But she said that it would make commuting to and from USC more convenient and also believes that some students eventually might want to live on the Westside and commute to campus by train.

The Exposition line would cost an estimated \$150 million, which would come from local funds currently generated by sales tax revenues.

The Metro Rail system will eventually be a 300-mile transit network spanning Los Angeles County, which currently includes the Metro Blue Line and the Metrolink commuter system; the Metro Red Line subway, which opens January 11; the Metro Green Line, which will open in 1994; and other future routes.