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### Cal Poly Pomona Begins Shuttle Service to Pomona North Metrolink Sept. 22

POMONA, Calif. — September 17, 2008 — As part of Cal Poly Pomona's commitment to the environment, the university will launch a free shuttle service to and from the Pomona North Metrolink station this fall. The Bronco Link shuttle, which is powered by compressed natural gas, will encourage the campus community to use public transportation and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Beginning **Monday, Sept. 22**, the Bronco Link shuttle will pick up faculty, staff and students from the Pomona North station in the morning and drop them off in the evening. The shuttle will make two stops on campus -- in front of the CLA Building and in front of Building 1.

"We are very excited to introduce the Bronco Link shuttle from the Pomona North Metrolink station to campus. It should make it even easier for all of us to join the carbon neutrality movement by using public transportation rather than driving to campus," says Doug Freer, vice president of student affairs.

Currently, there is no direct bus route from the campus to the Pomona North Metrolink station at 205 Santa Fe St. in Pomona. Train passengers who get off at that station must ride two buses to campus, which may take as long as 50 minutes. Other Metrolink stops, such as the Pomona Downtown or the Claremont stations, have public buses that stop just off campus but also make other stops along the way.

Last spring, the Rideshare office surveyed the campus on the possibility of a direct shuttle, and about 800 people said they would be very interested in it. From those responses, the Pomona North station was chosen to best serve the needs of the campus.

"Although we are starting out by serving the Pomona North station, our goal is to expand the

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service to meet more trains during peak times as well as providing service from other Metrolink stations," says Glenn Shenker, interim director of Parking and Transportation Services. "We are pleased that this initiative falls in line with President Ortiz's Climate Commitment pledge for the campus to become carbon neutral."

On weekday mornings, the Bronco Link will pick up commuters from Pomona North at 6:55 a.m. and again at 7:35 a.m. Trains from San Bernardino arrive at the station at 6:52 a.m. and 7:32 a.m. and from Los Angeles at 6:53 a.m. In the evenings, the shuttle will pick up passengers from the Building 1 and the CLA building at 5:05 p.m. and 6:05 p.m. and arrive at Pomona North at 5:22 p.m. and 6:22 p.m. Trains going to San Bernardino leave at 5:45 p.m. and 6:25 p.m. and to Los Angeles at 5:37 p.m.

The nonstop, 6.4-mile trip from to and from the Metrolink station takes about 15 minutes.

The shuttle will run on compressed natural gas (CNG), a relatively low cost, odorless and non-corrosive form of fuel. As a cleaner burning fuel, CNG-powered vehicles produce about 80 percent less ozone-forming emissions compared to gasoline vehicles.

Bronco Link is free to students, staff and faculty who show their Bronco ID. The Rideshare Office also offers Metrolink reimbursements up to \$90 a month for faculty and staff. Full-time students can get a 25 percent discount off monthly passes and 10-trip tickets.

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