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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

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### **MTA BEGINS TUNNELING IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD; WORK BEGINS ON NEXT UNDERGROUND LINK TO METRO RED LINE**

- WHAT:** The media is invited to witness a major milestone in the construction of the Metro Red Line -- the start of tunneling in North Hollywood. The tunnel will begin 70 feet below the intersection of Weddington St. and Lankershim Boulevard, and travel south beneath Lankershim for a distance of over 10,500 feet to the site of the Universal City Metro Red Line Station
- WHEN:** Monday, February 13, 10 a.m. to noon
- WHERE:** The MTA worksite at the intersection of Bakman Avenue and Weddington Street.
- WHY:** This is a unique opportunity to see one of the 200 foot long tunnel machines in action as it begins to bore one of the twin tunnels beneath Lankershim Boulevard. The tunnel boring machines are at the bottom of a 70 feet deep excavation shaft, 300 feet long and 70 feet wide.
- HOW:** At any time between 10 a.m. and noon, media personnel can be lowered into the excavation shaft for a close look at the tunnel boring machine. **NOTE: The excavation shaft is a dirty, noisy industrial environment. Flat, hard soled shoes are mandatory, and work trousers or dungarees are strongly recommended. Hard hats and hearing protection will be provided.** Charles Stark, MTA's project manager of the Metro Red Line, will be available to answer questions. Television live shots can be accommodated on the surface at the work site.
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