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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **MTA PALEONTOLOGIST TO DISPLAY RECENT FINDS, CONDUCT FIELD RESEARCH AT UNIVERSAL CITY RED LINE STATION CONSTRUCTION SITE**

**WHAT:** The MTA studies and preserves artifacts of natural and human history that are uncovered in the course of Metro Rail construction. More than 1900 fossils have been recovered, including 56 types of fish. Dr. Bruce Lander, the MTA's contract paleontologist, will be at the Universal City construction site to display some recent fossils discovered during tunnel and station construction, including mastodon bones, camel teeth, and extinct fish. Lander also will oversee ongoing excavation work in a search for new artifacts.

**WHEN:** **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 10 TO 11 A.M.**

**WHERE:** The Universal City Metro Red Line Station site  
3973 Lankershim Boulevard  
Studio City, CA

**WHO:** Dr. Bruce Lander  
President  
Paleo Environmental Associates

**WHY:** Plans for study and preservation of natural and human history are incorporated into the environmental impact review process. Construction workers are briefed on what to look for and are given incentives to turn over fossils that are recovered. Artifacts discovered during Metro Rail construction have helped reconstruct the geologic history of the Los Angeles basin over the past seven to eight million years.

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