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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **MTA OFFERS PREVIEW OF NEW WILSHIRE CORRIDOR OF METRO RED LINE; FIRST LOOK AT NEW LINE WHICH DEBUTS JULY 13**

- WHAT:** The MTA is offering the first comprehensive look at the new Wilshire Corridor of the Metro Red Line. The segment's two miles and three stations are the first expansion of the Metro Red Line since the original segment opened in January, 1993. The media will board a Red Line train, and visit each of the three new stations at Wilshire/Vermont, Wilshire/Normandie and Wilshire/Western. Chairman Zarian also will hold his monthly press briefing coincident with the tour.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, May 21, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** The tour will leave from the passenger platform of the Metro Red Line at Union Station. The train will stop at each of the new stations, with opportunities to take photographs. After visiting the Western Station, the tour returns to our starting point at Union Station.
- WHO:** Larry Zarian, MTA Chairman  
Joe Drew, MTA chief executive officer  
Stan Phernambucq, MTA executive officer for construction  
MTA staff responsible for operations, joint development, and art.  
The artists who designed the projects in each of the three stations
- WHY:** The MTA is opening the Wilshire Corridor to the public on July 13. This new segment is expected to increase daily ridership from 25,000 to 40,000. Travel times from Western Avenue to Union Station will be just 12 minutes, 20 minutes faster than the same trip on a bus. The MTA will offer free rides on the Red Line system July 13 and 14 to help introduce the new service to the public.
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