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MTA INVITES COMMUNITY TO BLUE LINE TELEVILLAGE OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 1

MTA invites the public to an open house and community celebration on Saturday, June 1 to highlight the Blue Line TeleVillage, a community-based computing, teleconferencing, information and service center located at the Martin Luther King Transit Center adjacent to the Metro Blue Line in the City of Compton.

"The opening of this center is another step toward reducing congestion," said MTA Board Chairman Larry Zarian. "I am encouraged by the progress of the TeleVillage concept and encourage anyone interested in using it to visit and see the facilities and the services being offered."

The Blue Line TeleVillage has a state-of-the-art computer center equipped with 12 Pentium computers providing access to the Internet. In addition, courses for adults and children in basic computer literacy as well as proficiency training in specific software programs are offered.

The center is designed to serve all community organizations including the Boys and Girls Club, rehabilitation programs, non-profit corporations and churches.

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Internet applications at the TeleVillage focus on employment and job training opportunities and all TeleVillage members receive an e-mail address and will have an opportunity to create their own home page.

"We are excited about bringing state-of-the-art computer technology to the inner city and hope the surrounding communities will attend the open house to get a first hand look at the Blue Line TeleVillage," said Los Angeles County Supervisor and MTA Board Member Yvonne Brathwaite Burke. "We want this to be one of a series of these kinds of centers."

The open house celebration will feature demonstrations of the TeleVillage center, safety and educational games, live entertainment, giveaways, food and fun. The event will take place at the Compton Transit Center, 300 North Willowbrook Avenue in Compton and will last all day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"This project is an important element in MTA's transportation plan and demonstrates the power of linking bus and rail transit centers," said MTA Chief Executive Officer Joseph E. Drew. "We encourage the community to visit and use the center."

The center is operated by the Drew Economic Development Corporation, a non-profit, community development corporation. Paid membership to the TeleVillage center is required. Cost of annual memberships range from \$5 to \$50 depending on the individual and/or organization.

For membership information and hours of operation call the Blue Line TeleVillage center at (310) 604-7717.

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