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## **MTA INVITES SANTA CLARITA AREA RESIDENTS TO PUBLIC HEARINGS JANUARY 29, TO DISCUSS REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**

The MTA will conduct public hearings on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997, at 3 p.m. and again at 7 p.m., to obtain ideas and suggestions for meeting public transportation needs in the Santa Clarita Valley area. The sessions will be held at Clarita City Hall, 23929 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, and will last for two hours each, or until the last speaker is heard.

The Santa Clarita Valley area is eligible to receive a share of California Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 funds for transportation-related projects. The Transportation Development Act, passed in 1971, provides funds for cities that are not included in MTA's service area.

Following the hearing, and after receiving input from the Hearing Board and Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, the MTA ultimately decides whether there are existing unmet transit needs. If there are no "unmet transit needs," funds may be used for street and road improvements.

Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the MTA by February 12, 1997. Comments should be sent to the MTA Article 8 Hearing Record, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles California 90012, Attention: Patricia Chen, mail stop 99-22-3.

For information about the TDA funds or public hearings, call Patricia Chen at (213) 922-3041.

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