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Media Advisory

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METRO RAIL TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH TO CAP DECADE OF SUBWAY MINING OPERATIONS

WHAT: MTA joins elected officials and construction workers in a major milestone event marking the connection of the North Hollywood Metro Red Line subway tunnel segment with the already-tunneled Hollywood section beneath La Brea and Hollywood Boulevard. A giant tunnel boring machine will actually bore through a wall of dirt and connect the two tunnels through the Santa Monica mountains. The event marks the completion of excavation of the first of twin tunnels, each 20 feet, eight inches in diameter and caps a decade of tunneling that will link downtown and the San Fernando Valley via Hollywood with a spur to Wilshire and Western.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 22, 1997
Press briefing will be held at 8:45 a.m. (Actual breakthrough about 10:15 a.m.). Due to the complexity of tunneling, all media must be safety trained and in place by 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Reporters may enter the Church of Christ Scientist church parking area at 7107 Hollywood Boulevard just west of La Brea and park in the parking lot.

PARTICIPANTS: Elected officials, MTA, Traylor Bros. engineers/workers.

Note to editors: Due to safety and fire regulations, access to the tunnel shaft is limited to 30 representatives of the media. The MTA will provide a live camera feed above ground. TV and radio outlets may plug in and obtain coverage of the actual tunnel breakthrough. All persons intending to enter the tunnel must be safety trained and wear steel toed shoes or rubber boots and coveralls. Hard hats, boots and coveralls will be provided. Due to space limitations, access will be allowed on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Note: it may be necessary to run a pool.**

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