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MEDIA ADVISORY/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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MEDIA INVITED FOR A "SNEAK-PEEK" OF HOLLYWOOD SUBWAY SYSTEM AND TESTING OF METRO RED LINE TRAINS BENEATH VERMONT AVENUE

WHAT: MTA invites the media to take a "sneak-peek" of trains being tested on the Hollywood segment of the Metro Red Line subway system, scheduled to open to the public in May, 1999. Testing of the Red Line trains is being conducted along a 7,000 foot section of the Metro Red Line's Vermont/Hollywood extension between the Vermont/Beverly and Vermont/Sunset stations. This latest milestone includes several months of testing of the 4.6-mile leg of the subway. Photographers and camera crews will be allowed to actually ride on a test train between two stations and will have the opportunity to film the interior of two Metro Red Line stations under construction.

WHEN: *Tuesday, October 6, 1998*
6:45 p.m. (Please arrive promptly - One test ride only)

WHERE: Metro Red Line Station
Vermont Avenue & Santa Monica Boulevard
Hollywood **** (Media Parking available one block west of Vermont near Santa Monica Blvd. and New Hampshire next to station- enter parking lot off New Hampshire)**

Editors Note: There will be only one train test ride. Please arrive promptly at time stated. The segment being tested is still classified as a construction zone. All persons entering will be safety trained at the beginning of the event and must wear hard hats which will be provided.

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