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## **MEDIA ADVISORY/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

### **MTA TRANSPORTATION CAREERS ACADEMY PROGRAM TO HELP STUDENTS RESTORE VINTAGE 1890'S STREETCARS**

**WHAT:** A vintage 1890's streetcar, once used in downtown Los Angeles, will be hoisted onto a flatbed truck with the help of the LA City Fire Department from Station 88 and taken to Locke High School in South Central LA where students will begin the task of totally refurbishing the streetcar to its original condition. The year-long effort is part of MTA's Transportation Careers Academy Program in which students from local schools participate in various activities centered around transportation. Two 1890's street cars are being loaned to the schools by Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park, owned and operated by the LA City Recreation and Parks Department, for this program. One streetcar has already gone to Garfield High School in East Los Angeles and the second streetcar will now be moved to Locke High School.

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 18, 1999  
\*\*8:30 am to 10 a.m.

\*\*(LA City Fire estimates actually lifting of old streetcar to occur between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.)

**WHERE:** Travel Town Museum  
Griffith Park  
5200 Zoo Drive  
Los Angeles

**Note:** Exit 134 Freeway at Forest Lawn Drive to Zoo Drive and enter the main entrance to Travel Town Museum.

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