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MTA TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON ADA PARATRANSIT PLAN

MTA will conduct a public hearing on *Wednesday, December 1, 1999* to receive public input on the Authority's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Plan Update for 2000.

MTA, as a public transit operator, must ensure the provision of ADA paratransit service to persons unable to use regular fixed route transit service due to their disabilities.

In Los Angeles County, the ADA paratransit service is provided by Access Services Incorporated (ASI). The ASI service meets the MTA's obligation to ensure ADA paratransit service.

In September 1999, the MTA Board approved a \$43.9 million, one-year funding agreement with ASI to administer the annual transport of 1.5 million people within a 1,500 square mile service area to provide transportation for persons with disabilities who cannot ride regular public transportation service.

The public hearing will be held at MTA's headquarters building, One Gateway Plaza, in downtown Los Angeles. The hearing will take place in the MTA Board Room, located on the Third Floor from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Those unable to attend the public hearing can send written comments through December 1, 1999. All comments should be addressed to: Ellen Blackman, Transit Planning, Dept. 4610, Mail Stop 99-23-1, MTA, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, 90012-2932.

To receive a copy of the plan update, or for more information about the public hearing, the public can call (213) 922-2808.

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