



June 7, 1999

MEDIA ADVISORY

HOLLYWOOD EXTENSION OF THE METRO RED LINE OFFICIALLY DEDICATED/OPENS TO THE PUBLIC SATURDAY JUNE 12, 1999

WHAT: MTA officials will join federal, state and local elected officials in a dedication ceremony marking the completion of the 4.6-mile Hollywood Extension of the Metro Red Line subway system that will literally bring the world to the doorsteps of the Hollywood community. Hundreds of invited dignitaries and guest will be on hand at the dedication ceremony. Following the ceremony the dignitaries and the media will take an inaugural ride to the Vermont/Sunset station. Actual revenue service for the public will begin on Saturday, June 12.

WHEN: *Friday, June 11, 1999
10 a.m. ** (Media should be in place by 9:45 a.m.)*

**Editors note: Live interviews and photo opportunities can be arranged between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. at the Hollywood and Vine Red Line station. Mayor Riordan is available from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

WHERE: Metro Red Line Station, Hollywood and Vine **
Hollywood

***Those wishing to do "Live-Shots" from inside the Hollywood and Vine station between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. before the dedication ceremony will need to park their mobile units on the northwest corner of Hollywood Blvd. and Argyle Ave. and use the emergency exit located on the sidewalk to feed their cable into the station, approximately 60 to 80 feet. Please call to confirm your "Live-Shot" needs. Media covering the dedication ceremony can park south of Hollywood Blvd. on Argyle Ave.*

WHO: Los Angeles Mayor & MTA Board Chairman Richard R. Riordan
Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa
Federal Transportation Administration Administrator Gordon Linton
Supervisor & MTA Board Vice Chair Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Supervisor & MTA Board Member Zev Yaroslavsky
City Council member Jackie Goldberg
Honorary Mayor of Hollywood, Johnny Grant
Cast members from the play "The Wizard of Oz"
Other MTA Board Members

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