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MEDIA ADVISORY/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

BUS FEATURES SPECIAL TRANSMITTER TO EXTEND GREEN LIGHTS **MTA TO SHOWCASE FIRST METRO RAPID BUS**

WHAT: The MTA will display the first of nearly 100 new Metro Rapid buses which will begin operating on Ventura and Whittier/Wilshire boulevards June 24. The low-floor Compressed Natural Gas buses will save passengers up to 25 percent in travel time through express-type operation, quicker loading and signal prioritization. Each Metro Rapid bus will be equipped with an electronic device which will lengthen green signals up to 10 seconds to allow the bus to continue through intersections without stopping. MTA will track and direct the Metro Rapid buses from its Bus Operations Control center to keep service moving and to produce proper spacing between buses. The bright red and white color scheme will make the buses easily distinguishable to passengers.

WHO: Rex Gephart, Metro Rapid project manager

WHEN: Thursday, April 27, 2000
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Patsaouras Transit Plaza
MTA Headquarters
One Gateway Plaza (corner of Caesar Chaves Ave. and Vignes St.)
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