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MTA TO HOLD PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON DRAFT LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT APRIL 2

Anyone concerned about worsening traffic as Los Angeles County grows in population is encouraged to attend a public workshop Monday evening, April 2, at Loyola Marymount University near LAX. MTA staff will discuss and seek public comment on the agency's draft Long Range Transportation Plan, a 25-year blueprint for transportation planning in Los Angeles County through the Year 2025.

The free workshop will start at 7 p.m. in the School of Business Administration, Hilton Building 100, at Loyola Marymount University, 7900 Loyola Blvd. Spanish language interpreters will be available at the meeting.

The public can request copies of the draft plan by calling MTA at (213) 922-2833 or visit the MTA web site at www.mta.net and click on Long Range Transportation Plan information to view the summary and a list of upcoming public workshops. Copies also are available in the Records Management office in level P-1 at MTA headquarters, One Gateway Plaza next to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. Business hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The April 2 public public workshop at Loyola Marymount is in addition to more than two dozen presentations MTA has made in the community to seek public input on the draft Long Range Transportation Plan.

Since last spring MTA staff has held community outreach and focus group meetings with an array of constituencies including transit users, academics, environmentalists, community, business and labor leaders and others in developing the draft transportation plan.

Other upcoming workshops include the following:

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East L.A.

Tuesday March 20, 2001 7 p.m.

Boyle Heights Senior Center
2839 E. 3rd Street

San Fernando Valley

Thursday, March 15, 2001 7 p.m.

Northeast Valley Senior Center
11300 Glenoaks Blvd.
Pacoima

Thursday, March 29, 2001 7:30 p.m.

North Hollywood Recreation Center
11430 Chandler Blvd.
North Hollywood

Downtown Los Angeles

Thursday, March 22, 2001 6 p.m.

MTA Headquarters Building
One Gateway Plaza
3rd Floor, Board Room
Los Angeles

Those unable to attend a workshop but who wish to comment on the draft plan can send an e-mail to mtaplan@mta.net or write to MTA Countywide Planning & Development:

M/S 99-23-2
Attention: Long Range Plan
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

. Comments must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 11, 2001 to be considered by the MTA Board of Directors before it considers adoption of the plan at its April 26 regular meeting which starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Board Room at MTA Headquarters in downtown Los Angeles.

Following Board adoption, the MTA Long Range Transportation Plan will be forwarded to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for inclusion in its Southern California regional transportation plan so Los Angeles County transportation improvements can be eligible for state and federal funding. -30-