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MTA PARTNERS WITH CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO SYNCHRONIZE 109 TRAFFIC INTERSECTIONS IN EAST CENTRAL SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

In an effort to facilitate traffic flow, ease congestion and lower the risk of accidents in the east central San Fernando Valley, the MTA and the Automatic Control and Surveillance Traffic System of Los Angeles (ATSAC) are planning to synchronize signals at 109 intersections by the year 2000.

ATSAC is a semi-automatic traffic management system developed by the City of Los Angeles for the Olympics in 1984. Today, it functions with some of the most sophisticated technology in its field attracting interest and inquiries from traffic agencies across the nation.

Signal coordination is the implementation of a timing plan or series of plans along a corridor or grid of roadways to achieve progression along the major roadways. Streets and avenues which have high Average Daily Traffic (ADT) relative to the surrounding roadways benefit the most when signal progression is optimized. The result is a smoother flow of traffic and reduced congestion.

The project also will include installation of closed circuit television cameras at key locations in order to provide transit officials enhanced information about stalled vehicles, road obstructions, accidents and other incidents.

Design for the east central San Fernando project will begin in January 1998. The impacted area is defined by the Golden State Freeway to the north, Sepulveda Boulevard to the east, Victory Boulevard to the south and Woodley Avenue/Balboa Boulevard to the west.

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The synchronization project is being funded by the MTA's 1997 Call for Projects. Every two years the MTA Board of Directors receives proposals submitted by 88 cities, Los Angeles County and state agencies for traffic congestion relief. Of the 414 proposals evaluated this year, 157 received Board approval in June. A total budget of \$666.3 million will be distributed among the finalists for traffic mitigation programs and projects.

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