## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR EQUIVALENT FACILITATION FOR METRO RAIL BETWEEN CAR BARRIERS

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is holding a public hearing on Thursday January 10, 2008 to obtain input on the agency's plan to revise the method it is using to warn passengers when they approach the platform area between rail cars at Metro Rail stations. This public hearing will be conducted as part of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Metro Accessibility Advisory Committee.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires agencies providing rail transportation to provide devices or systems to prevent deter or warn individuals from inadvertently stepping off the platform between cars. Metro is continuing its exploration of the most effective alternative approaches which will meet the requirements of the ADA.

Metro is proposing a demonstration of a platform tile to warn passengers, especially those with vision disabilities, when they are approaching an area between two rail cars. A sample tile will be available at the public hearing. Before requesting approval for this equivalent facilitation, Metro has scheduled a public hearing to obtain input on this method.

Written comments on this matter will be accepted until 10:30 a.m. January 10, 2008. All comments should be addressed to: Chip Hazen, ADA Compliance Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-13-5, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952.

The Public Hearing will be held on: January 10, 2008 10:30 a.m. Board Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA

Additional information about the between-car barriers alternatives and/or the public hearing, please call Ellen Blackman or Chip Hazen at (213) 922-2403 or email at <u>blackmane@metro.net</u> or <u>hazenc@metro.net</u>

The Board Room is accessible to persons with disabilities. Live caption will be provided at this public hearing.