MTA Releases Draft Long-Range Transportation Plan for Public Review

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(March 1) The MTA has released for public comment its draft Long-Range Transportation Plan, a 25-year blueprint for transportation planning in Los Angeles County through the Year 2025.

Since last spring, the MTA staff has held community outreach and focus group meetings with transit users, academics, environmentalists, community groups, business and labor leaders and others to develop the draft transportation plan.

Now that the draft plan has been released, MTA will conduct a series of public workshops at which the staff will discuss the plan and seek comment from the general public. Members of the public also can request copies of the plan from the MTA or <u>click here</u> to read it on the agency's Internet web site at www.mta.net.

Workshops have been scheduled at the Boyle Heights Senior Center, 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 20; at the Northeast Valley Senior Center in Pacoima, 7 p.m., Thursday, March 15; at the North Hollywood Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 29; at MTA Headquarters, 6 p.m., Thursday, March 22; and in the Inglewood/LAX area, Saturday, March 24, at a time and place to be announced.

The Board will consider adoption of the plan at its April 26 meeting. Following Board adoption, the plan will be included in SCAG's Southern California regional transportation plan so that Los Angeles County transportation improvements can be eligible for state and federal funding.

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