

MTA to Implement Hundreds of Transportation Projects

- **Six-Year plan includes Eastside extension and San Fernando Valley Metro Rapidway**

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(May 2, 2003) MTA is poised to implement hundreds of transportation projects over the next six years – including the Eastside extension of the Metro Gold Line and construction of the San Fernando Valley Metro Rapidway.

These and other projects are described in the agency's draft Short Range Transportation Plan, which will be released for public comment on Monday, May 5. The action plan prioritizes the county's mobility needs and allocates available resources through 2009.

Among other projects, MTA plans to establish 26 Metro Rapid Bus lines throughout the region, add 200 high-capacity 60-foot articulated buses, develop 70 miles of additional carpool lanes and make numerous rideshare, joint development and other local initiatives.

MTA will hold two public workshops at which MTA staff will present the draft plan, answer questions, and seek public comment.

The meetings are scheduled from 9 – 11 a.m. and from 6 – 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, in the Board room. The plan also will be presented during the Planning and Programming Committee meeting from 1 – 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 14.

Final action on the Short Range Transportation Plan is scheduled at the MTA Board meeting, June 26.

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