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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

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### **MTA CREW COMPLETES TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH AT WILSHIRE/VERMONT**

**WHAT:** A giant tunneling machine will break through a wall of dirt at Vermont Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, breaching the last barrier in the tunnel linking Wilshire and Hollywood Boulevards.

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 23, 1994  
10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** The site of the Wilshire/Vermont Red Line station, at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Vermont Avenue

**PARTICIPANTS:** MTA Chairman Richard Alatorre  
MTA CEO Frank White  
RCC President Ed McSpedon

**VISUALS:** A rare opportunity for access to a Red Line subway station under construction. From "track level" in the station, view workers, the tunnel and station, and the 250 ton tunnelling machine pushing aside a wall of dirt, extending the tunnel from Hollywood into the station. **Note: For safety reasons, women participants must wear slacks, and flat, hard-soled shoes are required for all.**

**DIRECTIONS:** From downtown, take Wilshire Boulevard West to Vermont Avenue, turn north and proceed one half block. Parking will be in lot on the West side of the street.

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