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MEDIA ADVISORY

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MTA DEDICATES NEW WILSHIRE CORRIDOR OF METRO RED LINE; NEW LINE DEBUTS JULY 13

WHAT: The MTA will dedicate the new Wilshire Corridor of the Metro Red Line this Friday morning. The segment's two miles and three stations will open to the public at 5 a.m. Saturday, July 13, and is the first expansion of the Metro Red Line since the original segment opened in January, 1993. Invited guests will assemble on the mezzanine of the Vermont Station for brief remarks and a tour of the station and its installed art work. After the dedication ceremony, guests will descend to the passenger platform, where a ceremonial first train will pass through a curtain of streamers. Guests will board the train and visit the Normandie and Western Stations. All participants will be returned to the Vermont Station by 10:30 a.m.

WHEN: Friday, July 12, 9 a.m.

WHERE: The Wilshire/Vermont Station, at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Vermont Avenue. Enter the station parking lot on Shatto Place, off of Sixth St.

WHO: Leslie Rogers, Regional Administrator, FTA
Robert Wolf, California Undersecretary of Business, Transportation, Housing
Larry Zarian, MTA Chairman
Joe Drew, MTA chief executive officer
Stan Phernambucq, MTA executive officer for construction
The artists who designed the projects in each of the three stations

WHY: The MTA is opening the Wilshire Corridor to the public on July 13. This new segment is expected to increase daily ridership from 22,000 to 40,000. Travel times from Western Avenue to Union Station will be just 12 minutes, 20 minutes faster than the same trip on a bus. The MTA will offer free rides on the Red Line system July 13 and 14 to help introduce the new service to the public.

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