



NEWS

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MEDIA ADVISORY

ROSA PARKS, MOTHER OF THE MODERN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, TO BE HONORED

- WHAT:** Rosa Parks will be honored for her contribution to the cause of racial equality. Officials will unveil an artist's rendering of a bronze plaque which will be installed at a later date. In 1955, Ms. Parks' refusal to surrender her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus sparked a 381-day boycott of that city's bus system and a wave of similar non-violent protests across the nation. The dedication was spearheaded by MTA's African-American Employees Association and L.A. County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke.
- WHO:** Rosa Parks
Richard Riordan, Los Angeles Mayor/MTA Board Chairman
Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, L.A. County Supervisor/MTA Board Member
Kevin Murray, Assemblyman 47th District
Carl Washington, Assemblyman 52nd District
Julian Burke, MTA Interim CEO
Sharon L. Landers, MTA Deputy CEO
Ellen Levine, MTA Executive Officer, Transit Operations
- WHEN:** Friday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- WHERE:** Metro Blue Line Imperial/Wilmington Station, corner of Imperial Highway and Wilmington Avenue, Thomas Guide 704 H-7
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