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**MTA SCHEDULES COMMUNITY WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS
PROPOSED METRO RED LINE MID-CITY EXTENSION**

The MTA has scheduled a community workshop, Tuesday, Jan. 17, to provide residents, business operators and property owners an opportunity to learn more about the proposed Metro Red Line Mid-City extension project.

"This informal informational session will give the community a chance to ask questions about the two alternative construction methods that are being considered for the Mid-City alignment," said Franklin E. White, MTA chief executive officer. "We urge everyone to come to the workshop and give us the benefit of their thinking on this project."

The proposed 2.3-mile Mid-City alignment will connect the Metro Red Line Wilshire/Western station with stations at Crenshaw/Olympic and Pico/San Vicente. One alternative would be to excavate twin shallow tunnels with single-level stations; the other alternative would combine shallow tunnels with elevated stations. Both alternatives would avoid penetrating the San Pedro Formation, a deep layer of sandy soils containing hydrogen sulfide gasses.

At the community workshop, MTA staff members will provide maps of the proposed alignment, drawings of the construction alternatives and will discuss the process for obtaining community feedback for the required environmental impact study and report. Participants will be asked to provide suggestions and comments about the proposed project.

The Mid-City community workshop will be conducted from 4:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the John Burroughs Middle School multipurpose room, 600 South McCadden Place in Los Angeles (1994 Thomas Guide, Pg. 633, E-2).

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