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## **MTA INVITES SANTA CLARITA AREA RESIDENTS TO PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 3 TO DISCUSS REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**

The MTA has planned two public hearings next month to obtain ideas and suggestions for meeting public transportation needs in the Santa Clarita area Monday, April 3, at City Council Chambers, city of Santa Clarita, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita.

Two sessions will be held. The first is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and the second is from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Santa Clarita area is eligible to receive a share of California Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for transportation-related projects.

"The Transportation Development Act, passed in 1971, gives areas that are not included in MTA's service area a chance to share in a portion of TDA funds to help pay for local public transit needs," said Franklin White, MTA's chief executive officer.

"But a real need must be established. That's why we strongly encourage Santa Clarita area residents to attend this hearing and tell us what their specific transit needs are."

Following the hearing, and after receiving input from the Hearing Board and Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, the MTA ultimately decides whether there are existing unmet transit needs, White said. If no reasonable "unmet transit needs" are identified, funds may then be used for street and road improvements.

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## **TDA HEARING**

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Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the MTA by April 17, 1995. Comments should be sent to MTA Article 8 Hearing Record, 818 W. 7th Street, P.O. Box 194, Los Angeles, CA 90053, attention Patricia Larsen, mail stop 81-11-4316.

For information about TDA funds or the public hearing, call Patricia Larsen at (213) 244-6556.

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