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MTA WESTERN REGION HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

The MTA will host an open house on Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its West Hollywood Bus Division, located at 8800 Santa Monica Boulevard.

"We want to increase public awareness of MTA services in the area," said MTA Chief Executive Officer Franklin White. "This also is a great opportunity for us to get to better acquainted with our ridership."

The open house will feature free food and refreshments, entertainment, music, and games for children, all with a western theme. Visitors will tour the division aboard a bus, stopping at the various work stations that keep the MTA fleet up and running, including fare collection, repair and maintenance, and the fueling area. The tour concludes with a run through the bus wash.

"We want to let our passengers know what we do and how we do it," said Ellen Levine, Western Region General Manager. "This is a wonderful opportunity for us to get closer to our customers, and to demonstrate that we want to be good neighbors."

MTA bus operators and maintenance personnel will be present to answer questions, and to allow the public to meet the people behind the scenes who make the bus system work. Displays will include a new compressed natural gas bus, a Red Line subway car, and the Transit Police anti-graffiti van.

Visitors are encouraged to ride to the open house aboard MTA bus lines 4 or 10. Parking is available at the division, or at the Pacific Design Center, located at 8687 Melrose Avenue.

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The MTA's Western Region includes the beach communities from Malibu south to Venice, Hollywood and West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and the Wilshire Corridor. It operates 18 bus lines and 420 buses, with an average of 306,500 daily passengers.

For more information on the Western Region Open House, call (213) 972-4865.

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