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NEARLY 400 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND MTA'S SECOND ANNUAL CAREER DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1996.

High school students who are enrolled in MTA-sponsored programs to learn about careers in transportation will spend a day on-the-job at MTA headquarters, One Gateway Plaza, March 27, 1996.

This will be the second annual Careers Day for students at Locke, North Hollywood, and Wilson High Schools who are taking part in MTA's Transportation Careers Academy Program and for students at Franklin High School and the Abram Friedman Occupational Center who participate in the Transportation Occupations Program.

The Academy Program, which is sponsored by the MTA and the Los Angeles Unified School District, offers a four year curriculum to students interested in transportation-related careers, including urban planning, architecture, engineering, and other trades related to the industry.

The Academy Program acts as part of the academic program in the schools, while students who are enrolled in the Transportation Occupation Program are involved in extra-curricular activities related to the transportation industry.

In both programs, teachers and students get first hand advice on work in the industry from more than 250 MTA volunteers, through workshops, internships, and informal contact.

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The students will spend the day paired off with MTA personnel to get a first hand look at a real work environment. They also will attend workshops on career opportunities and transportation issues.

Scheduled speakers at a luncheon for the students include Mayor Richard Riordan, Superintendent of Schools Sid Thompson, and MTA Interim Chief Executive Officer Joseph Drew.

Seniors in the group will attend the monthly MTA Board Meeting, and will be honored by MTA Chairman Larry Zarian as the first graduating class of the Transportation Careers Academy.

"These students are learning how education relates to career goals and job preparation," said MTA Interim Chief Executive Officer Joe Drew. "We are pleased to see them taking advantage of this opportunity, and we are proud of the MTA staff who volunteer their time to help the students better understand the challenges in the transportation industry."

A total of 386 students are enrolled in the combined programs.

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