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**MTA TO BEGIN NEW 75-CENT FARE DURING OFF- PEAK HOURS ON TWO
SELECTED BUS LINES BEGINS DECEMBER 2; REDUCES COST OF A
MONTHLY PASS TO \$42 AND INTRODUCES NEW WEEKLY PASS FOR \$11**

MTA has reduced the price of its monthly transportation pass from \$49 to \$42 and for the first time is offering a specially priced \$11 weekly pass. The specially priced passes can be used beginning Sunday, December 1.

MTA also will introduce a special 75-cent fare during off-peak hours on two selected bus lines beginning Monday, December 2, 1996.

"The best transportation bargain in town just got better," said MTA Board Chairman Larry Zarian. "We are happy to offer these reduced prices and encourage our customers to take advantage of the savings."

On Monday, December 2, MTA will offer a special off-peak discount fare on MTA Line 40, (South Bay Galleria Transit Center-Hawthorne-Inglewood-Los Angeles County Jail) and MTA Line 42 (Los Angeles-Westchester-LAX City Bus Center), used predominately by the transit dependent.

The fare for this off-peak service will be 75-cents, a savings of 60 cents off the regular cash fare of \$1.35. Seniors and the handicapped will pay only 35 cents.

"We hope patrons will take advantage of this special 75-cent off-peak fare on these selected lines as they travel to their destination points during the mid-day hours," said MTA Chief Executive Officer Joseph E. Drew. "We offer these reduced fares as a way of reaffirming our commitment to the community."

The special 75-cent reduced off-peak fare structure applies only to MTA Line 40 and 42 and will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The reduced fare program comes as a result of a settlement between the MTA, the Bus Riders Union, and class action plaintiffs, represented by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

Additional bus lines for possible inclusion in the special 75-cent off-peak fare program will be identified in January for possible implementation on March 1, 1997.

The specially priced monthly transportation passes went on sale November 25, for use on MTA Metro services beginning in December. Patrons can purchase the passes at MTA Customer Centers or at over 500 pass and token sale outlets throughout the greater Los Angeles area.

MTA also offers a semi-monthly pass for \$21 and continues to sell special 90-cent discount tokens in packages of 10 for \$9. All passes and tokens are good for fare payment on all MTA operated bus and rail lines.

MTA also sells a student monthly pass (K-12th Grade) for \$20, college/vocational passes for \$30, and senior/handicapped monthly passes at \$12. Transfers remain 25-cents. The regular cash fare remains \$1.35.

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