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MTA AND THE BUS RIDERS UNION CONDUCT SECOND MEETING IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ON NEW BUS SERVICE PROJECTS

The MTA and the Bus Riders Union will conduct the fifth in a series of public meetings being held throughout the greater Los Angeles area on the issue of new bus service.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 31 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Sun Valley Recreation Center, 8133 Vineland Avenue in Sun Valley.

This will be the second meeting held in the Northeast San Fernando Valley and is being held at the request of Assemblyman Tony Cardenas and Councilmember Richard Alarcon, an alternate on the MTA Board of Directors.

The meeting is being held in order to give transit dependent communities another opportunity to give input about new and additional bus service to jobs, medical services, worship, culture and entertainment venues.

"We've arranged this meeting to provide the community a forum to voice their suggestions as to the types of bus service and routes that would best serve bus riders," said Assemblyman Cardenas.

Under the October 1996 Civil Rights Consent Decree between the MTA and the Bus Riders Union (BRU), one of the benefits to the bus riding public is a pilot project for at least 50 additional buses to provide new service to areas the

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bus system presently does not serve.

“Bus service in the Northeast San Fernando Valley has been largely inadequate and this community depends heavily on bus service on a day to day basis,” said Alarcon.

“No one knows where additional bus services are needed better than actual bus users. This meeting is an opportunity for bus users and interested persons to assist the MTA in shaping the future of bus service in our communities.”

In particular, MTA and the BRU are concerned about communities that need longer distance transit to outlying employment and medical facilities.

MTA and the BRU hosted similar community meetings throughout the month of June in Los Angeles, Panorama City and Boyle Heights.

Both the MTA and the BRU have been working together and are responsible for the planning of this project. The public and community groups are encouraged to attend the community meeting and give MTA and BRU advice and input.

Assemblyman Cardenas represents the 39th Assembly district serving the northeast San Fernando Valley. He serves as Chairman of the Assembly Budget Sub-Committee on Transportation and is a member of the Assembly Committee on Transportation.

Councilmember Alarcon represents the Seventh Council District in the City of Los Angeles. He serves as an alternate on the MTA Board and has been an advocate for improving transportation services to the Northeast Valley.

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