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MTA AND THE BUS RIDERS UNION HOLD PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED PILOT PROJECT FOR NEW BUS SERVICE

MTA and the Bus Riders Union (BRU) will conduct the sixth in a series of public meetings on proposed new bus service.

The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, beginning at 10 a.m. and will be held at MTA Headquarters, One Gateway Plaza, Third Floor Board Room in downtown Los Angeles.

MTA and the BRU will unveil a proposed master plan pilot project for new bus lines throughout Los Angeles County. A total of 18 proposed bus lines have been identified for consideration. Subject to MTA Board approval, implementation of some of these lines is proposed for this Fall.

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 called for is a pilot project of up to at least 50 additional buses to provide new service to areas the bus system presently does not serve.

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

MTA and the BRU hosted similar community meetings throughout the months of June and July in the South Central and Mid-Wilshire areas of Los Angeles, Panorama City, Sun Valley and Boyle Heights.

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Both the MTA and the BRU have been working together and are responsible for the planning of this pilot project. The public and community groups are encouraged to attend the community meeting and comment on the proposed plan.

The MTA Board of Directors is expected to receive a report on the proposed pilot project for new bus lines at the Authority's October 23rd Board meeting.

Copies of the 18 new bus line proposal will be available for review at the community meeting.

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