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## MTA INVITES ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENTS TO PUBLIC HEARINGS FEB. 7th AND 18th TO DISCUSS REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Beginning this Saturday, the MTA will be asking the citizens of the Antelope Valley for ideas and suggestions on ways to meet regional public transportation needs.

The first of two public hearings slated will be held in Palmdale and on Wednesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> in Lancaster. Saturday's hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the Palmdale City Council chambers at 708 East Palmdale Blvd. The second hearing commences at 3 p.m. in the Lancaster City Council chambers at 44933 North Fern Ave. Each meeting will last approximately two hours.

The Antelope Valley area is eligible to receive a share of California Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 funds for transportation-related projects. The Transportation Development Act, passed in 1971, provides funds for cities that are not included in MTA's service area. Public hearings are held to determine if there are transportation needs that can be met with TDA funds.

Following the hearing, and after receiving input from the Hearing Board and Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, the MTA will decide if unmet transit needs exist. If there are none, funds may be used for street and road improvements.

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Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the MTA by March 4, 1998. Comments should be sent to the MTA Article 8 Hearing Record, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Attention: Patricia Chen (mail stop 99-22-3).

For information regarding TDA funds or public hearings, contact Patricia Chen at (213) 922-3041.

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