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**MTA INVITES CATALINA ISLAND RESIDENTS TO PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 14
TO DISCUSS REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**

Residents of Catalina Island will have an opportunity to suggest ways their public transportation needs can better be met at a public hearing to be held by the MTA on Saturday, March 14th.

The hearing will be held at the Metropole Hotel, Large Conference Room, 205 Crescent on Avalon beginning at 2 p.m.

The City of Avalon and the County of Los Angeles are 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.

Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the MTA by March 28, 1998. Comments should be sent to the MTA Article 8 Hearing Record, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Attention: Maureen Micheline (mail stop 99-22-8).

For additional information regarding TDA funds or public hearings, contact Maureen Micheline at (213) 922-3020.

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