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MEDIA ADVISORY

Lightweight super coach to pick up first passengers
21st CENTURY BUS TO BE 'PILOTED' ON MAIDEN VOYAGE
BY OPERATOR DECKED OUT IN FLIGHT SUIT AND HELMET

WHAT: For the first time people who depend on the Metro Bus system will be able to take a ride on a futuristic bus that will cost much less to maintain and will be much easier to access. Referred to sometimes as the "Stealth Bus" because it is built with materials similar to the B-2 Stealth Bomber, the low-floor, low-emission Earl Clark Advanced Technology Transit Bus (ATTB), which the MTA helped fund with \$10 million, will be tested in Los Angeles County until the end of the year. The special honor of shepherding passengers on the ATTB for the first time goes to MTA Operator Hugh Cooper, who will be outfitted in a flight suit, including a helmet, to acknowledge the B-2 connection. Following a brief ceremony, the press is invited to hop on board the ATTB along with Metro riders and survey them on their experience. In the fall of 1996, the MTA, Northrop Grumman Corporation and the Federal Transit Administration unveiled the first prototype, which is being tested in other U.S. cities as well. The design process was a collective effort and included the FTA and transit providers in 22 other major U.S. cities.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 1, 11 a.m. - Noon

WHERE: Metro Red Line Station at Wilshire and Western
(Members of the press will be provided with
free transportation back to Wilshire and Western)
DUE TO EXPECTED STRONG INTEREST IN THIS EVENT AND LIMITED SPACE ON
BUS, RESERVATIONS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

INVITED
GUESTS: Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
MTA Deputy CEO Sharon Landers
and others

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