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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

### COMMUTERS CAN SAVE SIX MINUTES PER MILE

### **6.5 MILE "MISSING LINK" CARPOOL LANE LINKING 405 WITH 710 AND 110 FREEWAYS OPENS IN SOUTH BAY**

**WHAT:** MTA joins the community-based Westchester /LAX Transportation Management Association, Caltrans and local elected officials to officially open the \$30 million, 6.5 mile "missing link" carpool lane along the 405 freeway linking the 110 and 710 freeway interchanges in Carson. Thousands of commuters will benefit from this "missing link" carpool lane shortening their commute by six minutes per mile. The event will feature a parade of vintage vehicles using the new carpool lanes. A vintage 1964 CHP patrol car will lead the parade of cars from the Avalon Boulevard on-ramp to the Main Street off-ramp. The new "missing link" carpool lanes operate in both directions along the 405 freeway.

The cost of this project was funded entirely by the MTA through federal and state gas tax dollars. This "missing link" extends the carpool lane system in Los Angeles County to 165 miles making Los Angeles County the world's leader in carpool lane development. The MTA and Caltrans are planning to expand the carpool lane system with an additional 384.5 miles of carpool lanes by early in the next century.

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 8, 1998  
8:45 a.m.—Parade

A hot air balloon will offer rides to media representatives interested in getting a "bird's-eye view" of the event starting at 7 am.

**WHERE:** South Bay Pavillion  
Avalon Blvd. off-ramp at the 405 Freeway in the IKEA parking lot across from the Arco Station in Carson

**WHO:** Don Knabe, L. A. County Supervisor & MTA Director  
Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, L. A. County Supervisor & MTA Director  
Peter Fajardo, Mayor of Carson  
Tony Harris, Executive Director, Caltrans  
Judith Ciancimino, Westchester LAX/Transportation Management Association