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MTA TO DEPLOY RECORD BUS SERVICE

**L.A. COUNTY SUP. BURKE TO GREET MTA'S 1,000th NEW BUS,
TOUR IMPROVED SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. BUS YARD**

WHAT: Since 1996 when the MTA received its first Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bus the Agency has gone on to assemble the largest alternative fuel bus fleet in the nation. In that time period, nearly 15% of all public transit buses manufactured in the United States have been ordered by the MTA. During this very visual press event, the MTA's 1000th new CNG bus, a low floor model manufactured by North American Bus Industries (NABI) will arrive in grand style, bursting through a paper barrier and coming to a rest a few feet away from a speaker's podium. Instead of wheelchair lifts, the NABI buses feature automatically deployed ramps which will allow members of the disabled community to board and exit in a much easier manner at curb level. An address to be delivered by Los Angeles County Supervisor and MTA Board Chairwoman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke will focus on the markedly improved state of Metro Bus System and touch upon plans for future enhancements. The MTA will offer a record amount of bus service in fiscal year 2001, eclipsing the record set in the 1980s. Burke also will tour the Arthur Winston Bus Division, slated to sport an entirely new bus fleet.

WHEN: Tomorrow, 10 a.m., Friday, June 2, 2000

WHERE: Arthur Winston Bus Division
5425 Van Ness Avenue (Van Ness Ave. and 54th Street)
Los Angeles, California (Thomas Guide 673-G5)

WHO: L.A. County Sup./ MTA Board Chair Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
MTA CEO Julian Burke and MTA COO Allan Lipsky
Tom Conner, MTA Executive Officer Operations
Arthur Winston, 70 years on the job
Randy and Kimberly Horton, MTA's Access Advisory Committee
MTA Bus Operator William Brinson
Bishop George Reid, Passenger Advisory Committee

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Directions to Arthur Winston Division From Downtown Los Angeles

Take the Harbor Freeway South

Exit at Slauson Avenue which follows 56th Street exit

turn left on Slauson

continue to 2nd Avenue and turn right (2nd Avenue follows Van Ness Avenue)

Turn right onto 54th Street and pull into Division 5 yard