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MEDIA ADVISORY

MTA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF METRO RAIL WITH THE RETURN OF THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC "RED CAR"

WHAT: MTA will join local elected officials in celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Long Beach to downtown Los Angeles Metro Blue Line with the return of two replicas of the old Pacific Electric "Red Car" that will be placed into weekend service. MTA celebrates the 10th anniversary of the return of Metro Rail to Los Angeles when the Metro Blue Line opened for service on July 14, 1990. In honor of this historic achievement, MTA Metro Rail maintenance personnel have repainted and converted two Metro Blue Line rail cars to resemble an old Pacific Electric Railway Red Car, complete with a replica E-flat tone whistle heard along the streets of Los Angeles nearly 40 years ago.

WHEN: *Friday, July 14, 2000
10 a.m.*

WHERE: Washington Blvd. & Long Beach Avenue **
Los Angeles
**(Northwest corner, north of the Metro Blue Line Washington Station in the Metro Blue Line "pocket track" location just off Washington Blvd. & Long Beach Ave.)

WHO: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Long Beach City Councilwoman Jenny Oropeza
Gardena City Councilman James Cragin
City Attorney James Hahn
Thomas Conner, MTA executive officer, operations
Family members of former Supervisor Kenneth Hahn
John Heller, VP of the Electric Railway Historical Society

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