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MEDIA ADVISORY

**BIGGEST SHIPMENT OF NEW BUSES IN 20 YEARS
SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE & MTA OFFICIALS TO
CHECK OUT NEW BUSES AT HIGH TECH MAINTENANCE FACILITY**

WHAT: MTA Board Chair and Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke and MTA officials will tour the MTA's high-tech central maintenance center, which is manned by robots as well as human mechanics, to see brand new MTA buses getting readied for passenger service. In a 15-month period that started in April 2001, MTA will take delivery of 750 new compressed natural gas, low-floor buses. More new buses will be shipped to Los Angeles during this period than any time in the last 20 years. MTA is completely revamping its bus fleet with more than 2,000 new buses. It also has expanded service. A record amount of bus service is scheduled including the popular Metro Rapid buses which save time by extending green lights with special transmitters and making fewer stops.

WHEN: Thursday, June 7, 2001
10 a.m.

WHERE: MTA Regional Rebuild Center
900 Lyon Street
Los Angeles CA

MAP: TG 634 H-3

WHO: MTA Board Chair & Los Angeles County Sup. Yvonne Burke
MTA Executive Officer Transit Operations Thomas Conner

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