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MTA BOARD NAMES PICO METRO BLUE LINE STATION AFTER LEGENDARY BROADCASTER CHICK HEARN

The MTA Board of Directors today designated the Pico station of the Long Beach to Los Angeles Metro Blue Line as the "Chick Hearn" station.

Los Angeles Mayor and MTA Board member James Hahn made the motion at today's Board meeting. He credited Chick Hearn for being the voice of the Los Angeles Lakers for more than four decades, broadcasting 3,338 consecutive games. Chick Hearn, born Francis Dayle Hearn, died Aug. 2, 2002.

In his motion before the MTA Board of Directors Mayor Hahn noted "By virtue of his announcing abilities, Chick Hearn was able to transport fans to courtside seats of the Los Angeles Lakers' games by radio over 40 years. Chick Hearn was more than an announcer. He was a pioneer, and innovator, a promoter, a friend, a father and a husband. He will be sorely missed"

In honor of the achievements of Chick Hearn and his contributions to the game of basketball, the MTA Board instructed MTA staff to immediately establish and properly designate the Pico station of the Metro Blue Line as the "Chick Hearn" station.

The Metro Blue Line runs 22 miles between downtown Los Angeles and Long Beach. The Pico Station, located at Pico and Flower in downtown Los Angeles, provides easy access for sports fans to the Staples Center.

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