

MEDIA ADVISORY

April 7, 1994

MTA BREAKS GROUND FOR PASADENA BLUE LINE--THIRD LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM IN METRORAIL NETWORK

- WHAT: Groundbreaking Ceremony for Pasadena Blue Line. Event will feature ceremonial start of demolition of exisiting Santa Fe rail bridge over Los Angeles River, making way for Metro Rail bridge.
- WHEN: Friday, April 8, 8 a.m. set-up and photo opportunities, event begins 8:20 a.m.
- WHERE: Intersection of Avenue 18 and Barranca Street, next to railroad bridge spanning Los Angeles River.
- ATTENDEES: MTA Chairman and Councilman Richard Alatorre MTA Director and County Supervisor Gloria Molina Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan State Senator Newton Russell Assemblyman Richard Polanco
- VISUALS: Workmen with cutting torches will sever a girder, which will be lowered to the track bed of the old rail bridge. The Mayor Riordan and city representatives from South Pasadena and Pasadena will cue the worker by waving a blue MTA banner. The East Wind Youth Foundation Lion Dancers from Chinatown will perform a dance to bring good luck to the project.
- **DIRECTIONS:** From Union Station, go north Broadway, cross L.A. River and bear left on Pasadena Ave. Turn left on Avenue 18, proceed one block and follow signage to media parking.

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