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MTA INVITES ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA RESIDENTS TO PUBLIC HEARINGS APRIL 11 TO DISCUSS REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

The MTA has planned two public hearings next month to obtain ideas and suggestions for meeting public transportation needs in the Antelope Valley area.

The first hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lancaster City Hall, 44933 N. Fern Avenue, Lancaster.

The second hearing will be later the same day, April 11, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Palmdale City Hall, 708 E. Palmdale Avenue, Palmdale.

The Antelope Valley area is eligible to receive a share of California Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for transportation-related projects.

"The Transportation Development Act, passed in 1971, gives areas that are not included in MTA's service area a chance to share in a portion of TDA funds to help pay for local public transit needs," said Franklin White, MTA's chief executive officer.

"But a real need must be established. That's why we strongly encourage Antelope Valley residents to attend this hearing and tell us what their specific transit needs are."

Following the hearing, and after receiving input from the Hearing Board and Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, the MTA ultimately decides whether there are existing unmet transit needs, White said. If no reasonable "unmet transit needs" are identified, funds may then be used for street and road improvements.

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Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the MTA by April 25, 1995. Comments should be sent to MTA Article 8 Hearing Record, 818 W. 7th Street, P.O. Box 194, Los Angeles, CA 90053, attention Patricia Larsen, mail stop 81-11-4316.

For information about TDA funds or the public hearing, call Patricia Larsen at (213) 244-6556.

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