

MEDIA ADVISORY

PUBLIC INVITED TO TESTIFY AT FEDERAL HEARING ON RAIL CROSSING SAFETY

WHAT: The U.S. Department of Transportation's Grade Crossing Safety

Task Force will conduct a "town hall meeting" to be followed by technical discussions of various rail crossing safety topics. All sessions are open to the public, and public testimony is welcomed. The MTA is a co-sponsor of the event. The Los Angeles session, the third in a series, was scheduled following the Fox River Grove, Ill., accident in which a commuter train struck a school bus, killing

seven children.

WHEN: Town Hall Meeting, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Friday, Jan. 5, 1996

Technical Discussions, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 5, 1996

WHERE: Town Hall Meeting, Old Ticket Office Area, Union Station

800 North Alameda St. (Thomas Guide, Pg. 634, G-3) Technical Discussions, MTA Building, One Gateway Plaza,

behind Union Station.

PARTICIPANTS: Michael P. Huerta, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. D.O.T.

(Mr. Huerta will be available for interviews on Thursday

afternoon, Jan. 4, beginning at 3:30 p.m., and on Friday before and

during the event.)

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