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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

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### **MTA UNVEILS NEW GENERATION OF RED LINE RAIL CAR**

**WHAT:** The MTA has taken delivery of the first two new rail cars for the Metro Red Line. They will be unwrapped at the Red Line Maintenance Yard and begin five months of testing. These cars are similar in appearance to the current fleet of 30 Red Line vehicles, but have AC electric motors, improved brakes and are lighter than the original model. They will be fully compatible with existing Red Line facilities. A total of 74 cars will be delivered.

**WHEN:** Monday, September 9, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Red Line Maintenance Yard is located at 320 S. Santa Fe Avenue, Los Angeles 90013

**WHO:** Jim Reichart, MTA acting director of Operations

**WHY:** The MTA is expanding its fleet of Red Line rail cars to meet the demands of increasing passenger loads and a growing rail system. The Wilshire Corridor of the Metro Red Line opened last July, and the Vermont Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard segments are scheduled to open at the end of 1998. Daily ridership is 35,000 per day.

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