

MEDIA ADVISORY

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MTA'S SOUTHERN REGION HOSTS OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

WHAT: The MTA is offering up Southern Charm at its Southern Region Open

House at Bus Division 5. There will be Gospel music and Blues, free food and refreshments, and a 1950's era bus along with the latest state-of-the-art coaches. The Transit Police will have a display, and children can enjoy game booths and MTA's bus mascots and Travis the Safety Owl.

WHEN: Saturday, October 19, 1996

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: MTA Division 5

5424 S. Van Ness Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90062

Free parking, or take MTA Bus Lines 107, 108 or 209.

WHO: Ralph Wilson, Manager, Southern Region Operations

WHY: The open house is being held to increase public awareness of MTA

services in the area and to demonstrate the MTA's desire to be a better neighbor. It provides residents in the surrounding communities a chance meet the operators, mechanics and service attendants who keep MTA

service on the street every day of the year.

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