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SANTA CLARITA VALLEY RESIDENTS INVITED TO DISCUSS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AT WEDNESDAY PUBLIC HEARINGS

The MTA will hold two public hearings Wednesday to receive ideas and suggestions for meeting public transportation needs in the Santa Clarita Valley area. The hearings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 23920 Valencia Blvd. in the City of Santa Clarita. Hearings will begin at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and conclude following the final speaker, or after two hours, whichever is earlier.

The City of Santa Clarita is eligible to receive a share of California Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 funds for transportation-related projects. The Transportation Development Act, passed in 1971, provides funds for cities not included in MTA's service area. Public hearings are held to determine if there are transportation needs that can be met with TDA funds.

Following the hearings, and after receiving input from the Hearing Board and Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, the MTA will decide whether there are unmet transit needs in the Santa Clarita Valley area. If there are none, funds may be used for street and road improvements.

Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the MTA by Feb. 25, 1998. Comments should be sent to: MTA Article 8 Hearing Record, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Attention: Patricia Chen (mail stop 99-22-3).

For information regarding TDA funds or the public hearings, contact Patricia Chen at (213) 922-3041.

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