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MEDIA ADVISORY

VERMONT BLVD. AND SEVERAL SIDE STREETS NEAR METRO RED LINE STATION AT SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD TO BE CLOSED FOR PAVING

WHAT: Unless it rains, four blocks on Vermont Boulevard and several side

streets located near the Vermont/Santa Monica Metro Red Line Station will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning Friday evening and lasting until early Monday morning. Access to all businesses and residences will be maintained throughout the weekend and pedestrians will be able to walk on Vermont Boulevard paralleling

the work area.

WHY: The MTA is resurfacing the roadway. In June 1997, at the same

location, the MTA removed concrete deck mats that had served as a temporary street during the construction of the subway. Following deck removal, new sidewalks, curbs and gutters were constructed. Trees and traffic signals were also planted and constructed. This weekend's resurfacing work marks the completion of resurfacing work along Vermont and the end of the street restoration process

at Vermont and Santa Monica.

WHEN: 8:30 p.m., Friday, May 15 to 6 a.m., Monday, May 18

WHERE: Vermont Boulevard (between Burns Ave. and Santa Monica Blvd.)

In addition, 100 feet of roadway on the following side streets off Vermont will be subject to closure and will be paved on Saturday

May 16 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m:

Willowbrook Avenue, east and west of Vermont

Lockwood Avenue, east of Vermont

(During street closures, northbound traffic will be detoured onto Virgil Avenue via Melrose Avenue; southbound traffic will be detoured onto Virgil Avenue via Santa Monica Boulevard)

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