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## MTA HOLDS PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS EASTSIDE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

As a result of the suspension of the Metro Red Line Eastside Extension subway project, the MTA will hold today the first of three public meetings in the Eastside of Los Angeles to discuss alternatives for improving local public transportation in Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, Montebello, Pico Rivera, and Santa Fe Springs.

The public will have the opportunity to comment and provide input in the study process. The year long study will assist in identifying any significant social, economic or environmental issues related to the alternatives as a solution to the transportation problems of the metropolitan area.

The alternatives to be discussed will include busway, light rail, heavy rail, traffic light synchronization, and a no build alternative.

The first of the three meetings will take place today at 4:30 p.m. at Resurrection Parish Hall, 3324 Opal St. Los Angeles. The second will be Aug. 26 at St. Alphonsus School Auditorium, 552 S. Amalia St., between Church and Atlantic Park, Los Angeles and the third will be Sept. 2 at Montebello City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 W. Beverly Blvd, Montebello. All the meetings will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 8 pm.

The meetings are free to the public and accessible by MTA and other community bus services. A Spanish language interpreter will be on site. A sign language interpreter also can be made available by calling Luz Maria Chavez at (323) 726-7734 ext. 24.

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