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**EARTHQUAKES, POLICE AND FIRE/SAFETY AMONG ISSUES TO BE  
ADDRESSED DURING NEW HOLLYWOOD STATION SAFETY TOUR**

**WHAT:** The MTA has one of the most outstanding subway passenger safety records in the world. Since the Metro Red Line is still relatively new in Los Angeles there still exists a false public perception that passengers are at risk underground. In order to dispel misinformation and set the record straight, especially concerning earthquakes and crime, the MTA is offering a special fire and life safety tour. The event will begin outside a new Metro Rail subway station with an important message to be delivered by the MTA's managing director of safety and security regarding the opening of the subway in Hollywood on June 12 and Metro Rail safety in general. The tour should last approximately 45 minutes.

**WHEN:** Tomorrow, Thursday June 3, 1999, 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Vermont/Santa Monica Metro Red Line Station  
Limited parking available on Vermont and Willow Brook

**WHO:** Paul Lennon, MTA Managing Director Safety and Security  
Dr. Geoffrey Martin, Professor Civil Engineering USC  
Garrett Zimmon, LAPD Commander  
Robert Aaron, L.A. City Fire Department Battalion Chief  
Marilyn Morton, ADA Compliance Officer

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