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HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD SHUTTLE PROGRAM TO AUGMENT SUBWAY SERVICE UPON OPENING OF METRO RAIL TO HOLLYWOOD JUNE 12

Augmenting new Metro Rail service to Hollywood that starts Saturday, June 12, a new DASH shuttle bus that day will begin providing frequent daily trips to major entertainment and other venues on Hollywood Boulevard between the new Hollywood/Vine Metro Rail station and La Brea.

The "Destination Hollywood" shuttle is a one year program funded by the MTA and operated by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. This interim program is designed to link subway passengers and others wishing to visit the various entertainment and cultural venues along Hollywood Boulevard until Metro Rail service is extended further into Hollywood next year. A new Hollywood/Highland subway station, along with two other Metro Rail stations at Universal City and North Hollywood, is scheduled to open in May 2000.

DASH shuttle buses will travel back and forth along Hollywood Boulevard between the Vine Street Metro Rail station on the east and La Brea Avenue on the west, and are scheduled to connect with Metro Rail service about every 10 minutes. The hours of operation are 7 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. on weekends. The fare is free to passengers who show their Metro Rail ticket or monthly pass and 25 cents for other passengers. The shuttle is decorated in an attractive blue and white "wrap" with the words "Destination Hollywood" written along the length of the van.

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"The MTA must continue to provide convenient and accessible transportation to the businesses west of the Hollywood/Vine station that have been impacted by construction, yet won't be served by the subway for another year." said Los Angeles County Supervisor and MTA Board member Zev Yaroslavsky. "That's what this is really all about."

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