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**MTA SEEKS PUBLIC'S INPUT ON PROPOSED SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
TRANSIT PARKWAY PROJECT**

The MTA has scheduled a public hearing and a review period to allow community members to give their input on a proposed project aimed at relieving traffic congestion on one of West Los Angeles' busiest streets.

The Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project would extend on Santa Monica Boulevard from Moreno Drive at the Beverly Hills City Limit on the east to Interstate 405 (San Diego Freeway) on the west and would include the interchange between Santa Monica Boulevard and the freeway.

The Draft Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report on the project is in the process of being released. The community will have the opportunity to submit written comments on the report between **March 15, 1999** and **May 7, 1999** to:

Mr. Alan Patashnick
Project Manager, Arterials/Signals and Goods Movement
LACMTA
MS 99-22-5
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Oral comments can be given and written comments can be submitted at a public hearing on **Monday, April 12, 1999** between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. located in the project area at:

Emerson Middle School Cafeteria
1650 Selby Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90024

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The proposed project consists of four alternatives:

No Project - includes no changes to the roadway, geometric configuration, no capacity improvements and no traffic improvements to roadways or intersections along either Big or Little Santa Monica Boulevards;

Transportation Systems Management - utilizes low-cost methods of providing operational and safety improvements to traffic flow at a number of key intersections and entails modifying the existing roadway geometric configuration of Big and Little Santa Monica Boulevards and the intersecting north and south arterial roadways;

Classic Boulevard - features a center roadway with three vehicular travel lanes in each direction, a bicycle lane in each direction, a landscaped center median, one-way westbound frontage roads on the north side for parking and access to local streets, one-way eastbound frontage roads on the south side for the same purposes, on-ramp improvements at the 405 Freeway interchange, landscaping/urban design and bicycle lanes;

Classic Boulevard with Design Options - includes all of the basic design elements of the Classic Boulevard alternative plus design options at Overland Avenue, the Century City Shopping Center, Club View Drive and the transition at the Beverly Hills City Limit.

The Draft EA/EIR is available for public review at the LACMTA Library on the 15th floor at the aforementioned MTA address. Copies may be purchased from MTA's Records Management Center at a cost of \$50.00 each plus postage, or 10 cents per page. Requests for the document can faxed to (213)922-2389 or made by calling the Records Management Center at (213)922-2342.

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The Draft EA/EIR also is available for public review at the three area Homeowners Associations and at the following locations:

Los Angeles City Councilmember Michael Feuer
District Office
822 South Robertson Boulevard Suite 102
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Los Angeles City Councilmember Ruth Galanter
District Office
Westchester Municipal Building
7166 West Manchester Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Los Angeles City Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski
Field Office
West Los Angeles Municipal Building
1645 Corinth Avenue Room 201
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Century City Chamber of Commerce
2049 Century Park East Suite 2600
Los Angeles, CA 90067

Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Senior Center
11338 Santa Monica Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Westwood Village Community Service Center
1137 Westwood Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90024

City of Beverly Hills Public Library
444 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

City of Los Angeles Public Library Brentwood Branch
11820 San Vicente Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90049

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City of Los Angeles Public Library Palms/Rancho Park Branch
2920 Overland Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90064

The Draft EA/EIR executive summary also can be accessed through the MTA website at <http://www.mta.net/EBB/bids1.asp>

For further information contact Henry Gonzalez, MTA project manager for community outreach at (213)922-3023.

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