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MTA RELEASES DRAFT LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The MTA today released for public comment its draft Long Range Transportation Plan, a 25-year blueprint for transportation planning in Los Angeles County through the Year 2025.

The public can request copies of the draft plan by calling MTA at (213) 922-2833 or visit the MTA web site at www.mta.net and click on Long Range Transportation Plan information to view the summary and a list of upcoming public workshops. Copies also are available in the Records Management office in level P-1 at MTA headquarters, One Gateway Plaza next to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. Business hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Since last spring MTA staff has held community outreach and focus group meetings with an array of constituencies including transit users, academics, environmentalists, community, business and labor leaders and others in developing the draft transportation plan.

Now that the draft plan has been released, MTA will hold a series of public workshops where MTA staff will discuss the plan and seek comment from the general public. The following workshops have been scheduled:

East L.A.
Tuesday March 20, 2001
7 p.m.
Boyle Heights Senior Center
2839 E. 3rd Street

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San Fernando Valley Thursday, March 15, 2001

7 p.m.

Northeast Valley Senior Center 11300 Glenoaks Blvd. Pacoima

Thursday, March 29, 2001 7:30 p.m.

North Hollywood Recreation Center 11430 Chandler Blvd. North Hollywood

> Downtown Los Angeles Thursday, March 22, 2001 6 p.m.

MTA Headquarters Building One Gateway Plaza 3rd Floor, Board Room Los Angeles

Inglewood/LAX Area
Saturday, March 24, 2001
Location TBA (call 213 922-2833 for update)

Those unable to attend but who wish to comment on the draft plan can send an e-mail to mtaplan@mta.net or write to MTA Countywide Planning & Development

M/S 99-23-2 Attention: Long Range Plan One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012

. Comments must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 11, 2001 to be considered by the MTA Board of Directors before it considers adoption of the plan at its April 26 regular meeting which starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Board Room at MTA Headquarters in downtown Los Angeles.

Following Board adoption, the MTA Long Range Transportation Plan will be forwarded to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for inclusion in its Southern California regional transportation plan so Los Angeles County transportation improvements can be eligible for state and federal funding. -30-