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MEDIA ADVISORY

AUTHORITY EVALUATING FIBRE OPTIC SIGN AIMED AT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

MTA TO DEMONSTRATE "SECOND TRAIN COMING" WARNING SIGN

WHAT: MTA officials will demonstrate a "second train coming" warning sign, a potential addition to the Metro Blue Line safety system. Currently in use and undergoing evaluation, the fibre optic sign warns pedestrians that more than one train is approaching a rail crossing. The sign was designed with input from community members and is intended to serve as an additional deterrent to illegal crossings that sometimes result in serious injury and death.

The second train coming sign is activated only when two or more trains are approaching a crossing. The sign's black and yellow graphics include images of a train, a pedestrian, a grade crossing and an arrow placed in the line of sight between the pedestrian and the train. If the sign is found to be an effective deterrent, the MTA will seek state approval to retrofit additional crossings.

WHO: Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, L.A. County Supervisor, MTA Board Chair
Allan Lipsky, MTA Chief Operating Officer
Paul Lennon, Managing Director, MTA Systems Safety and Security

WHEN: 10 a.m., Friday, February 9, 2001

WHERE: Metro Blue Line, Vernon Avenue crossing,
Southwest corner, E. Vernon Avenue and S. Long Beach Ave.
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VISUALS: Demonstration of the Second Train Coming warning sign,
Metro Blue Line trains in operation; vehicles and pedestrians
crossing the intersection.

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