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MEDIA ADVISORY

"Rolling Smog Busters"

MTA POWERS UP FIRST CLEAN AIR BUSES, NEW CNG FUELING STATION SERVING SMOGGY SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

WHAT: MTA Board Chairman John Fasana will join air quality officials, San Gabriel Valley office holders, environmentalists and local business leaders in unveiling a new fleet of compressed natural gas (CNG) buses and a new CNG bus fueling station. These are the first clean air buses to serve the San Gabriel Valley that has long suffered from serious air pollution. Indeed, Los Angeles has the worst air pollution in the U.S. The new clean air bus fleet assigned to MTA's El Monte bus division will help curb smog. About 40 new CNG buses will be displayed. By this summer, 176 CNG buses will be assigned to the San Gabriel Valley. MTA has purchased 2,100 new CNG buses and has already taken delivery of more than1,600 buses. The MTA operates more clean air buses than any other transit property in the United States. Fasana, himself, will fuel one of the new CNG buses. Reporters are welcome to see for themselves how clean the buses operate.

WHEN: **TODAY** 10 a.m. Friday, March 15, 2002

WHERE: MTA's Division 9 bus yard
3449 Santa Anita Ave.
Santa Anita Ave.& Ramona Blvd.
El Monte, CA MAP TG: 637 B-1

WHO: John Fasana, MTA Board Chairman
Ed Chavez, Assemblyman District 57
John Catoe, Deputy CEO
David Allgood, President, Coalition for Clean Air
Henry Hogo, South Coast Air Quality Management District
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