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L.A. Metro's Paleontologist Cogstone to Show Off Ice Age Fossils Found during Purple Line Extension Project Construction

WHAT: Cogstone Resource Management, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) paleontologist for Section 1 of the Purple Line Extension Project, will display Ice Age fossils found during excavation work at three future subway station sites. Fossils found include giant ground sloths, bison and mammoths, as well as "Hayden," the carefully preserved, nearly complete skull of a juvenile Columbian Mammoth found at the Wilshire/La Brea excavation site. It is the first public display of a selection of Ice Age fossils, many of them brand new. More than 500 fossils have been found so far during construction, making this among the most successful and productive paleontological mitigation efforts in the L.A. Basin. News media can see the fossils up close and interview paleontologists.

WHEN: Monday, March 4, 2019
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Two Hour Media Availability)

WHERE: La Brea Tar Pits Museum**
The Classroom
5801 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90036

**Reserve media van parking available behind the museum. Enter museum parking lot from S. Curson Avenue

WHO: Ashley Leger, Paleontological Field Director, Cogstone
Sherri Gust, Principal, Cogstone
Eric Scott, Paleontologist, Cogstone
John Harris, Paleontologist, Cogstone

VISUALS: Selection of fossils are carefully preserved, some in plaster jackets. Cogstone paleontologists will provide on-on-one interviews. Metro will provide project poster boards showing key details about Purple Line Extension construction work.

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