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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES TIMES COLUMN

The Los Angeles Times inquired today regarding why the MTA does not place notices on the back of our buses encouraging motorists to call the MTA should they observe unsafe operation by one of our bus operators.

We informed a reporter with the paper that the MTA once deployed such a communications tool in the late 70's and early 80's when we operated articulated buses, because those buses sometimes came into contact with autos while making wide turns. We no longer operate articulated buses.

We also currently enjoy a low accident rate which indicates that our operators generally are safe. We also noted that unlike trucking firms which use such notices, our buses are clearly marked as owned and operated by the MTA. The public knows readily who to call should they observe a problem operator.