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The MTA continues to experience collisions along the Metro Blue Line (MBL) corridor by motorists who ignore warning devices and drive around lowered crossing gates. This situation has resulted in over 200 train versus vehicle collisions since the line began revenue service in July 1990.

As part of the MBL Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Program, the MTA is currently installing photo enforcement equipment at 17 intersections along the MBL. Enforcement cameras are activated by motorists driving around lowered crossing gates or making left turns against signal lights. A photo will be taken of each vehicle detected in violation and a citation will be issued to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Photo enforcement has proven to be a success in reducing illegal motorist behavior along the MBL corridor. A four month demonstration project at Compton Boulevard resulted in a 92% reduction in the number of violations occurring at that crossing.

Photo enforcement cameras will be installed at three intersections on the MBL by June 30, 1995. To advise the public of the use of these cameras, the MTA will be conducting a photo enforcement media event on Friday, July 14 at 10:00 am at a parking lot adjacent to the Compton Boulevard intersection of the MBL. This event will include a demonstration of the photo enforcement equipment. We are requesting your attendance at this event.

A previous press conference held two years ago for the photo enforcement demonstration projects resulted in extensive coverage by the local media. We believe this will be a great opportunity to gain positive local exposure for the MTA.

Please contact Virginia Hunter at (213) 244-7172 with any questions regarding the event and to confirm your attendance.

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