

MTA Begins Service on Line 30; Starts Pilot Line 214

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(Oct. 10) In an effort to provide needed bus service during the labor strike, MTA has begun operating the western portion of Line 30 from Pico/San Vicente along Pico Boulevard to 7th and Alvarado.

The MTA also announced the implementation of a new pilot Line 214 that will serve the Broadway/Main street employment corridor.

Beginning Thursday, Oct 12, Line 30 will be expanded to operate along Pico Boulevard to Broadway and First Street in downtown Los Angeles.

During the strike, Line 30 is being operated by Transit Systems, using eight buses. It will operate from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. Service will operate approximately every 12 minutes.

Line 30 is one of five "lifelines" that the MTA originally intended to operate during the strike, but was unable to due to union protests.

Line 214 is a pilot line

Line 214 is one of four pilot lines approved by the Board in June as part of the federal Consent Decree aimed at improving service. Line 214 is operated by Coach USA under contract with the MTA.

Line 214 is now operating between Rosecrans Avenue and the Artesia/Harbor Transitway station via Broadway and Main Street. The new line operates seven days a week from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., initially running every 15 minutes in the morning and afternoon peak periods and every 30 minutes midday.

During the strike, no fares will be charged on lines 30 and 214.

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