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## Metro Employees' Feelings Mixed on Daylight Saving Time

By JIMMY STROUP

(March 12, 2008) Some like it. Some hate it. Some don't care either way. Whatever way you view Daylight Saving Time, it influences the lives of Metro employees agency-wide.

Originally a wartime effort to save power, Daylight Saving is longer than it used to be. In 2007, Congress adopted a measure to lengthen Daylight Saving by a month. The government tacked on three weeks by starting it earlier in March and ending it a week later on Nov. 2.

### Pros and Cons

**Jermani Martin**, service attendant leader, Venice Division 6: "I go with the flow. It gives me more time to walk around the Rose Bowl at night. It makes me feel like I get more out of my day."



**David Stidhum**, acting transportation operations supervisor, Venice Division 6: "I don't like it, to tell you the truth. You're used to staying up later at night and then have to get up earlier."

**Willie Davis**, left, bus operator, Arthur Winston Division 5: "Get rid of it, I say. It doesn't make any sense. You still live the same life, just by a different clock. It's a hassle."

**Shawn Robertson**, center, bus operator, Arthur Winston Division 5: "It makes the days go by faster, though. Seems to, anyway."

**Kenneth Santoyo**, right, bus operator, Arthur Winston Division 5: "And I've always noticed that the crime goes down right after it starts, too."



**Alex Cortez**, service attendant, Venice Division



6: "It's better; saves power, saves energy. And it's safer, too. We can see better when we're parking the buses at night. Until Daylight Saving, it's pretty dark when we're moving them around."

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**Sonja Owens**, transportation manager, Central City Division 1: "It's sort of screwy to me. I'm still not on the right schedule and it's been a few days. The first couple of weeks are always touch-and-go. I go to bed early to make sure I get enough sleep to get up early. I love the other one, though. Can't wait until we "fall back."



**Alondra Shields**, bus operator, Central City Division 1: "I've always liked it. There's a little bit of sunlight left when I get off and that makes the rest of my night better, seeing that daylight after my shift."

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**John Wallace**, bus operator, Central City Division 1: "I think you have enough daylight morning and night when it's Daylight Standard. They shouldn't even change it. It's harder to get to sleep at night, too."



**John Sheridan**, electronic communications technician leader, Gateway Cities Sector: "I love it, actually. You get that extra hour of sunlight. It's a sign that summer's on the way, and that's my favorite season."