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MTA TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON EXPANSION OF METRO RAPID PROGRAM, PROPOSED FY 2002 BUS SERVICE CHANGES

The MTA will hold a public hearing this week to receive public comment on the expansion of the highly successful Metro Rapid Program and proposed bus route and schedule modifications on five existing Metro Bus lines. The proposed expansion and changes would take effect in December 2001 or later.

When: 10 a.m., Saturday, July 14, 2001

Where: MTA Headquarters Building
Board Room – 3rd floor
One Gateway Plaza (intersection of Cesar Chavez Ave. & Vignes St.)
Los Angeles
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MTA is considering an initial expansion of Metro Rapid in up to six of the following corridors:

Proposed Line	Line Name
S-1	Avalon Blvd. Metro Rapid – Implement Metro Rapid service between the Avalon/I-105 Metro Green Line station and Pershing Square in downtown Los Angeles. Adjust and maintain Line 51 local service.

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- S-2** **Vermont Ave. Metro Rapid** – Implement Metro Rapid service between 120th St. and Hollywood. Adjust and maintain Line 204 local service; convert Line 354 limited stop service to Metro Rapid Service.

- S-3** **Florence Ave. Metro Rapid** – Implement Metro Rapid service between Crenshaw Blvd. and Garfield Ave. Adjust and maintain Line 111 local service; convert Line 311 limited stop service to Metro Rapid Service.

- S-4** **Venice Blvd./Pico Blvd./E. 1st St. Metro Rapid** – Implement Metro Rapid service between Venice, downtown Los Angeles and Monterey park via Venice Blvd., Pico Blvd., Cesar Chavez Ave., and E. 1st St. Adjust and maintain Lines 30-31, 33 and 68 local service; convert Line 333 limited stop service to Metro Rapid service.

- S-5** **Crenshaw Blvd. Metro Rapid** – Implement Metro Rapid service between Crenshaw/I-105 Metro Green Line station and Hollywood. Adjust and maintain Line 210 local service; convert Line 310 limited stop service to Metro Rapid service.

- S-6** **Van Nuys Blvd. Metro Rapid** – Implement Metro Rapid service between Sylmar/San Fernando Metrolink station and Ventura Blvd. via Glenoaks Blvd. and Van Nuys Blvd. Adjust and maintain Line 233 local service and Line 561 express service.

The expansion would include establishing Metro Rapid station stops at major destinations, key transfer points, and areas of high demand. MTA inaugurated Metro Rapid service in June 2000 on two corridors, Ventura and Wilshire/Whittier boulevards. Since the inception of service, ridership on the two corridors has approximately 25 to 30 percent. Two-thirds of the increase came directly from new transit travel.

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Other proposed FY 2002 service changes, effective December 2001 or later, include:

Line	Line Name	Proposed Changes
11	Melrose Ave.-Vermont Ave.- Temple St. (branch of line 10)	Cancel line; alternate service provided existing Metro Bus Lines 14 & 204 – 354
27	Olympic Blvd. – Burton Way (branch of Line 28)	Cancel line; alternate service provided by existing Metro Bus Lines 4-304, 305, 316 & 550
254	Imperial/Wilmington/Rosa Parks Metro Rail station – Gage Ave. – Lorena St.	Cancel line segment north of Rowan Ave. & Dozier St.; alternate service provided by El Sereno/City Terrace Dash
262	Garfield Ave.	Cancel line; alternative service may be provided by restructured Montebello Bus lines
264	Altadena Dr. – Sierra Madre Blvd. – San Gabriel Blvd. – Montebello Town Center	Cancel line segment south of Las Tunas Dr.; alternative service may be provided by Montebello Bus lines

These proposed service changes may be approved in whole or in part at a date following the public hearing. Approved changes would become effective on or about the dates shown. Members of the public who are unable to attend the hearing and provide testimony may submit written testimony postmarked through July 16, 2001. Correspondence should be addressed to:

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Attn: July 14, 2001 Public Hearing
For FY 2002 Service Changes

E-mail can be sent to customerrelations@mta.net with FY 2002 Service Changes as the subject line. Facsimiles can be sent to (213)922-4594, Attention: FY 2002 Service Changes.

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