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MTA ADDS 66 BUSES INTO PEAK HOUR SERVICE ON 20 BUSIEST LINES; OTHER SERVICE CHANGES TO COMPLEMENT EXTENSION OF THE METRO RED LINE SUBWAY TO HOLLYWOOD

The MTA today added 66 buses into peak hour service on its 20 busiest bus lines. The addition is part of a planned expansion of service inaugurated last fall to further reduce the number of standees on Metro buses, and it is the latest installment in the MTA's ongoing efforts to completely overhaul the Metro Bus system.

The MTA added 30 buses into peak hour service in December 1998 and will increase peak hour service by another 64 buses in December 1999.

The expansion is being made possible through the introduction into the Metro Bus fleet of both new buses and alcohol-fueled buses repowered to operate on diesel fuel. Last month alone, MTA Equipment Engineering turned over 57 new and repowered buses to Transit Operations, the most buses delivered to the MTA in one month at any time during the 1990s.

Effective Sunday, June 13, the MTA will initiate a series of other Metro Bus service changes to complement the extension of the Metro Red Line subway to Hollywood which opens to the public on Saturday, June 12. The changes are designed to encourage passengers to take advantage of the faster travel times on the subway (downtown to Hollywood in 15 minutes) and to eliminate duplication of service.

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The following is a list of the major service changes:

Line 1 (Hollywood Blvd.) and Line 217 (Hollywood Blvd./Fairfax Ave.) — Effective June 13, Line 1 eastbound service on Hollywood Boulevard will terminate at Vermont Avenue. Service on Line 217 will remain. During the Metro Red Line's hours of non-operation (11 p.m. to 5 a.m.), replacement service for passengers of both lines will be provided by Line 2 (Sunset Blvd.).

Line 420 (LACC/Hollywood/North Hollywood/Panorama City) — Effective Sunday, June 13, during the Metro Red Line's hours of operation Line 420 no longer will provide service via the Hollywood (101) Freeway to downtown Los Angeles. The line will be rerouted to serve the Metro Red Line's Vermont/Santa Monica/LA City College Station, terminating near LACC at Monroe Street and New Hampshire Ave. Line 420 will resume service to downtown Los Angeles via the 101 freeway onramp at Vermont Avenue following the Metro Red Line's normal hours of operation.

Line 429 (Sunset Blvd./Westwood) — Line 429 currently operates Monday through Friday during peak hours. Effective Monday, June 14, Line 429 will terminate at the Metro Red Line Hollywood/Vine Station. Service between downtown Los Angeles and the Hollywood/Vine Station will be provided by the Metro Red Line.

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