



**GATEWAY CITIES GOVERNANCE COUNCIL  
JUNE 9, 2005**

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING FOR DECEMBER 2005 SERVICE CHANGES**

**ACTION: APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS TO GATEWAY CITIES BUS LINES**

**BACKGROUND**

As part of the upcoming December Shake-up, staff proposes to implement a number of service modifications to bus lines operating within the Gateway Cities sector. Some of these modifications are considered to be major as defined by federal public hearing guidelines and MTA policy. As such, the MTA through its the Governance Council is required to hold public hearings, and to solicit and consider public input prior to approving changes of this magnitude

The following sections of this report identify the affected bus lines and the type of service modifications to undergo public review. Also discussed is the timeline for the public hearing process, which details the steps to be undertaken by staff over the next few months including a date when the Governance Council is recommended to act on this matter.

**IMPACT ON BUDGET**

The final service plan to be adopted by the Governance Council in September will be cost neutral, and consist of a yet to be defined subset of service proposals listed in the attached draft service plan. Resources from unproductive or duplicated lines are proposed to be fully reinvested in other bus lines to address unmet needs, expand travel opportunities, and provide new incentives to use public transit.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed service modifications are consistent with MTA Board adopted Transit Service Policy, the Long Range Plan and the Consent Decree. Overall, they provide for improvements in public access to transit as well as improvements in operating efficiency.

## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Attachment A shows the draft service plan proposed for implementation in December 2005. The plan identifies 18 existing bus lines whose routes and/or schedules may be modified in some way to make them more effective. In addition, the draft plan calls for the establishment of two new bus lines.

Staff is recommending that the Gateway Cities Governance Council schedule a public hearing on Thursday, August 11, to receive community input on these proposals. The hearing is proposed to be held at the Gas Company in the City of Downey following the regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Governance Council. The suggested time to conduct the public hearing is 5 pm.

It is important to note that the service proposals listed here will be combined with proposals from other service sectors into one public hearing notice. The combined notice will list the respective hearing dates, times and locations for each sector. The initial printing of the legal notice is planned to be published Sunday, July 10, in the Los Angeles Times. Subsequent to the initial publication, the notice will be reprinted in newspapers throughout Los Angeles County, including foreign language newspapers. Notices will also be placed on all buses and trains to inform our riders of the proposed changes to the bus system.

In general, most existing riders will maintain their current travel patterns since they will have continued access to either the bus line they now ride, or to other bus lines that operate along the affected route segments. The proposed new services and/or extensions to existing routes will expand travel opportunities for current riders and encourage new ridership growth. Staff plans to return to the Governance Council in July with more details of the service proposals to be discussed at the August public hearing.

## **PUBLIC HEARING TIMELINE**

Described below is the public hearing timeline and associated events leading to the successful implementation of approved service changes later this year. Key dates are highlighted for the reader.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
<b>June 9</b>	Council receives staff report requesting public hearing on August 11, 2005 along with preliminary review of service proposals for December 2005.
<b>July 10</b>	Initial legal notice published in major metropolitan newspaper
July 14	Council receives additional details on service proposals for December
July 11-Aug 11	Formal notification to cities, agencies, organizations and stakeholders
July 24-31	Special rider notices describing proposals put on buses systemwide
<b>Aug 11</b>	Gateway Governance Council conducts public hearing
Aug 12-31	Preparation of final staff report with findings/recommendations

<b>Sept 8</b>	Council acts on staff recommendations
Sept 9	MTA news release announcing approved service modifications
Nov 10	Council receives staff update on December Shakeup Program
Nov 18	Cities, agencies, organizations and stakeholders receive final written notice of approved changes
Dec 4	Rider notices placed on all buses describing approved changes
<b>Dec 18</b>	Implement approved service changes.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Staff proposes to publish the public hearing notice in the Los Angeles Times on Sunday, July 10, 2005. Publication of the legal notice will officially begin the public hearing process. Additional notification of the public hearing will follow later in the month in other local and foreign language newspapers, and to specific stakeholders as shown in the timeline above.

### **ATTACHMENT**

- A. Proposed Service Plan Fiscal Year 2006
- B. Overview Map of Affected Bus Lines

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## ATTACHMENT A

### PROPOSED SERVICE PLAN DECEMBER 2005 OR LATER

LINE	STAFF PROPOSAL
26	Relocate west terminal to Sunset Metro Red Line Station. Truncate route segment on Argle-Franklin-Hillhurst due to duplication with Dash.
60	Truncate route at Artesia Metro Blue Line Station. All service south of Artesia Blvd replaced by Long Beach Transit except for Owl Service period, which will continue to operate to downtown Long Beach.
65	Truncate Washington Blvd segment of route due to duplication with Montebello Line 50. Establish new western terminal at or near Soto and Washington. Restructure eastern segment of line (SGV Chgs)
102	Extend line to West Los Angeles Transit Center and to Huntington Park. Truncate route east of Hooper St. Operate 30 minute peak hour service and hourly at other times
110	Extend to Downey/Pico Rivera
111	Restructure route east of I-605 Station. Consider operating as separate line or combining with Line 127
125	Operate new route to Norwalk Green Line Station via Studebaker Rd or Woodrull Ave; discontinue I-605 fwy routing.
127	Reroute to Cerritos Mall. New generators include Mall, Cerritos College and Bellflower High School. Consider combining with Line 111
254	Cancel line due to low productivity and excessive service duplication
258	Extend line along Garfield Ave from Firestone Blvd to Alondra Blvd. Fills existing service void and connects with LBT and MB bus lines
265	Extend line to Montebello Towne Center
266	Provide additional service during weekday peak hours
275	Establish northern terminal at Whittier Depot. Service north of Depot replaced by Line 270 and/or Montebello Line 40. Consider 30 minute peak headway on weekdays
362	Operate 15" frequency during weekday peak hours. Renumber as new Line 62.
460	Renumber as new Line 61. Consider minor trip adjustments to base service
577	Establish new weekday express line between the I-605 Station and the El Monte Station. Service proposed to operate during peak hours via HOV lanes on the I-605 and I-10 Freeways.
612	Restructure line in conjunction with Line 681 change. Service to Florence Station replaced by Line 611.
681	Cancel line due to duplication. Replacement service provided by restructured Line 612 and other MTA services in area.
760	Operate new Rapid Bus line between downtown Los Angeles and the Artesia Metro Blue Line Station. Service would operate along the route now served by Line 60, with new service provided along Artesia Blvd from Long Beach Blvd to the Artesia Station.

# ATTACHMENT B

## Overview Map of Affected Lines

