



METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
June 14, 2005

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

ACTION: APPROVE

BACKGROUND

It is recommended that a public hearing be held on Tuesday August 9, 2005 at 6:00PM to receive public comment regarding proposed service changes to be implemented in December 2005 or later. It is proposed that this hearing be held in the Community Meeting Room at the San Gabriel Valley Sector office in El Monte.

In order to maximize the opportunity for public review and comment on these potential service changes, staff is also committed to conducting two community meetings prior to the formal public hearing. These community meetings will be held in Boyle Heights and Glendale.

Three other Service Sectors will be holding public hearings in the month of August 2005. The official Notice of Public Hearing is scheduled to be published on July 10 and will include information for all of these hearings. The public can attend, make or submit comments at any of these hearings regarding proposed service changes at any Sector. SGV Staff will compile summaries of all comments related to our service area and provide this as part of the regular September 2004 SGV Governance Council Meeting.

It is intended that the findings of the public hearing, including comments received by other Sectors related to the SGV service area. Accompanying this will be a modified service plan that will take into account public comments, for Governance Council action at the September Council meeting.

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL SERVICE CHANGES

The proposed service change program December 2005 for the San Gabriel Valley Sector will focus on improving service on our heaviest bus lines and improving performance of our lines that are performing poorly. On SGV lines with high ridership, the plan would add running time and service to reduce crowding and improve on-time performance. For poorer performing bus lines, routes are proposed to be modified to remove service from low demand segments, or time periods. Some lines are proposed for cancellation due to low ridership and in addition in some cases, duplication with other transit services. These changes are summarized on Attachment A.

The following section briefly describes each line and the proposed service modifications. Those that are approved by Governance Council will be implemented in December 2005 or later.

DISCUSSION

Line 170 (El Monte St. – Cal State LA via Montebello Town Center) Cancel entire line. This line operates along 22 streets between El Monte Station and Cal State LA. Service is provided every 60 minutes using 3 buses, and attracts about 1,200 boarding passengers per day. There is significant route duplication in the City of El Monte with the El Monte Transit Lines. In addition Foothill Transit operates Line 269 between El Monte Station and Montebello Town Center.

Line 201 (Silverlake Bl. – Glendale) The proposal is to end this line in the vicinity of the Glendale Galleria, and reroute service in the Atwater Village community of Los Angeles. This line operates between the Chevy Chase/Glenoaks area of Glendale to the Vermont/Wilshire Red Line Station via, Atwater and Silverlake. This line operates service in the range of every 45-60 minutes, using 3 buses and carries about 1,200 passengers per weekday. Of these riders, about 200 board north of the Galleria. Service levels are proposed to be improved 30-35 minutes.

Line 255 (Rowan Av. – Griffin Av.) The proposal is to cancel this line. This line is a short 7.4 miles bus line operating every 45-50 minutes. DASH and other Metro lines heavily duplicate this line. The Lincoln Heights and Boyle Heights DASH routes duplicate about 4.5 miles of this line while Metro Line 46 duplicates nearly 2 miles. Since the beginning of this DASH service about one year ago, ridership has dropped from about 1,200 per day to 800. Staff will continue to work with LADOT regarding the potential extension of LADOT's Boyle Heights DASH.

Line 258/259 (Fremont Av.-Alhambra/Fremont Av.-El Sereno) The proposal is to cancel the 259 branch of this line and retain Line 258 in its entirety. This line operates from Firestone Bl. to Fremont Av. and Commonwealth Av. in Alhambra. At this point, Line 258 turns east and operates to downtown Alhambra, while Line 259 turns west and operates thru the El Sereno community to Huntington Dr. & Monterey Rd. The City of Alhambra has requested that SGV staff investigate removing Line 259 bus service from west Commonwealth. There are a total of about 180 weekday boardings along this segment of Line 259, out of a total ridership for Line 258/259 of 1,800. Of the 3.2 miles of potential route reduction, the El Sereno DASH and Metro Line 78/378 presently serve 2 miles. The 1.2-mile segment that would be without direct bus service is generating about 20 boardings at the 5-paired stops.

Line 684 (Pomona – Cal Poly Pomona – Brea Mall) The proposal is to cancel this line, which is predominantly within the Foothill Transit service area.

IMPLEMENTAION

The service changes are proposed to be the subject of an August 9, 2005 public hearing. Those service changes that are approved by the Governance Council will be implemented effective December 2005 or later.

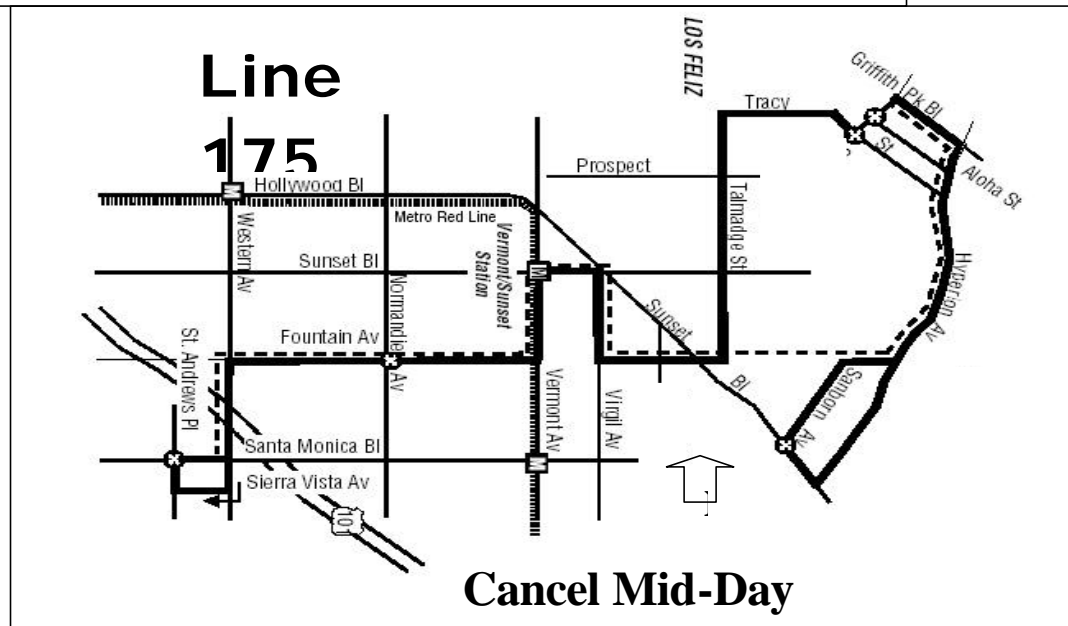
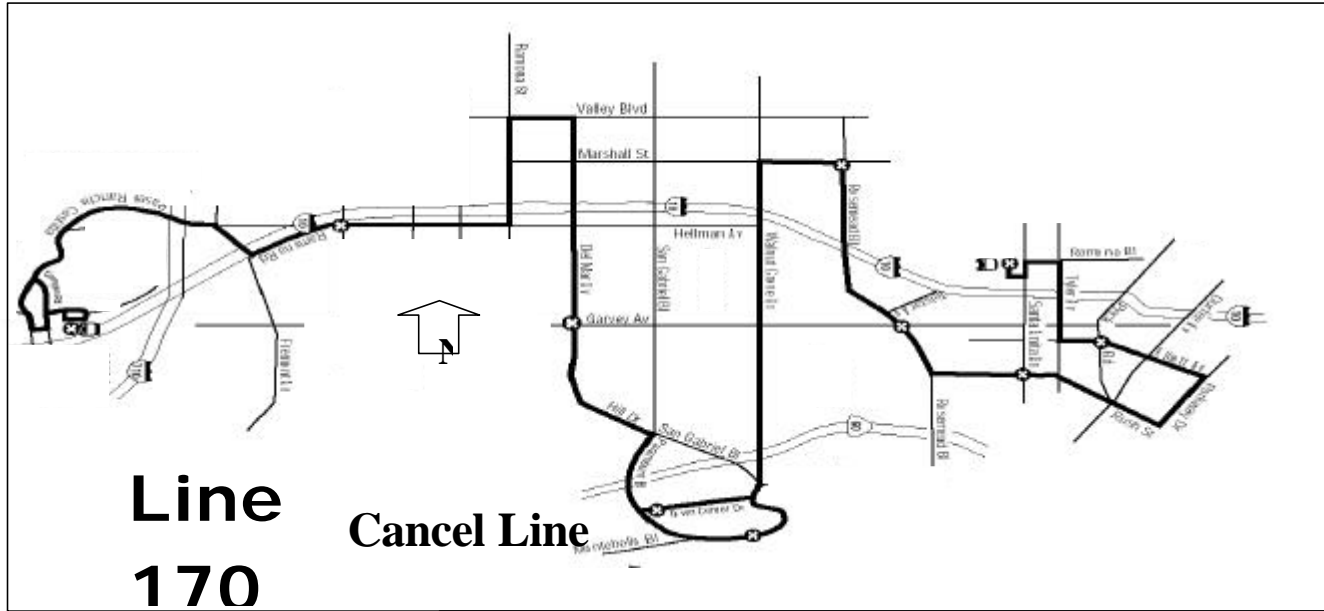
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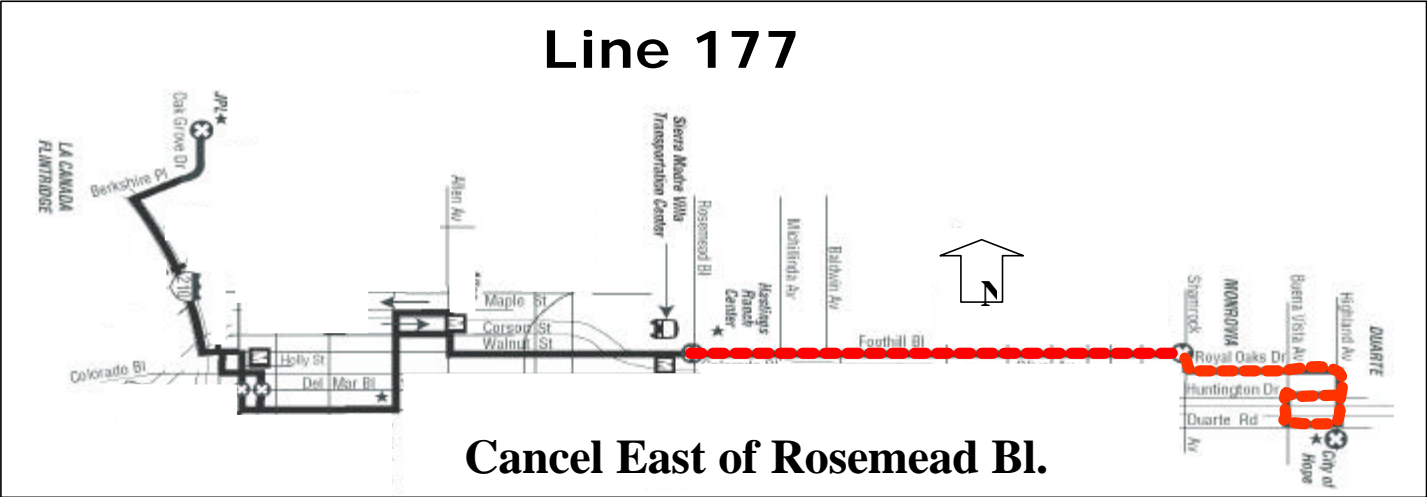
ATTACHMENT A

**PROPOSED METRO SGV MAJOR SERVICE CHANGES
TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN DECEMBER 2005 OR LATER**

LINE	LINE NAME	SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES
170	El Monte-Montebello Town Ctr.-Cal State LA	Cancel line due to low ridership and service duplication
175	Fountain Av.-Hyperion Av.	Cancel mid-day service due to low ridership
177	JPL-Pasadena-City of Hope	Eliminate route segment east of Rosemead Bl. due to low ridership and improve service levels service to Pasadena and JPL
201	Glendale-Silver Lake-Mid-Wilshire	Eliminate route segment north of Glendale Galleria due to low ridership, restructure route in the Atwater Village area of Los Angeles to improve safety and improve service levels between Glendale and Wilshire Bl.
255	Griffin Av.-Rowan Av.	Cancel line due to low ridership and service duplication
258/259	Fremont-Alhambra-El Sereno	Cancel Line 259 and increase service levels on Line 258
684	Pomona-Brea Mall via Cal Poly	Cancel Line due to low ridership
70	Garvey Av.	Improve service levels and on-time performance
76	Valley Bl.	Improve service levels and on-time performance
180	Pasadena-Glendale-Hollywood	Improve service levels and on-time performance
260	Atlantic Bl.-Fair Oaks Bl.	Improve service levels and on-time performance
484	Pomona-El Monte Sta.-LA	Improve service levels and on-time performance
490	Pomona-Baldwin Park-LA	Improve service levels and on-time performance

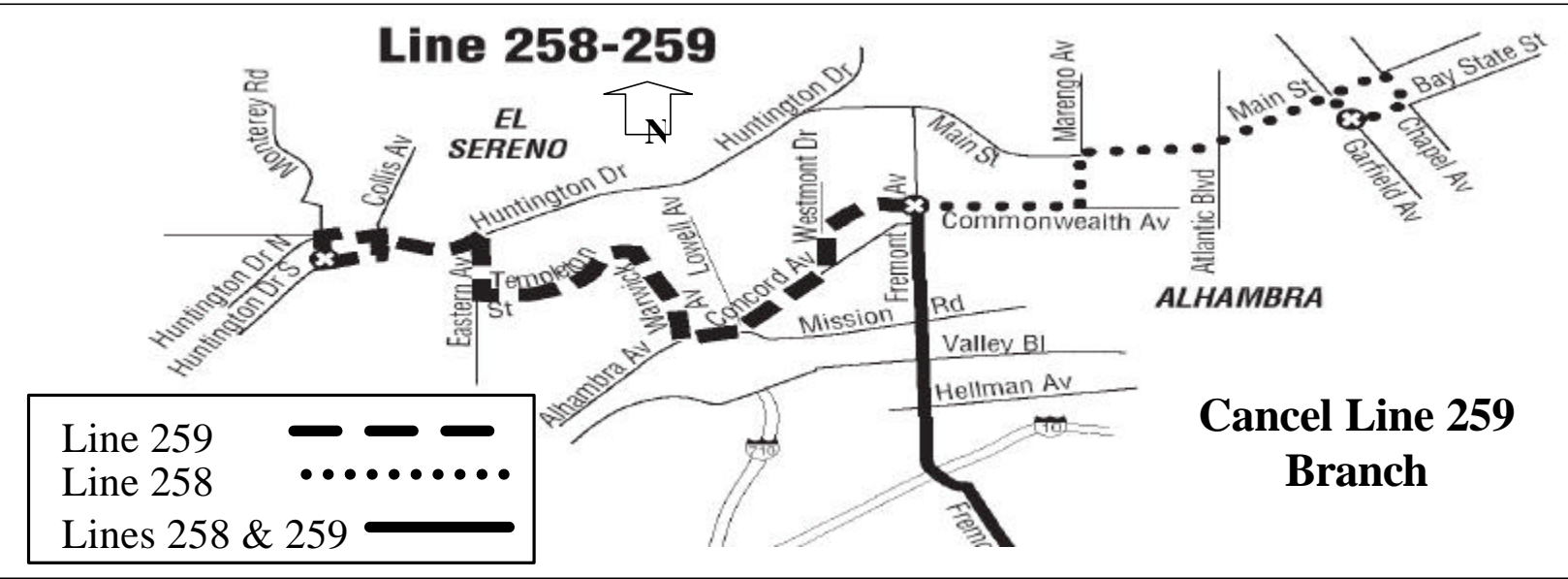


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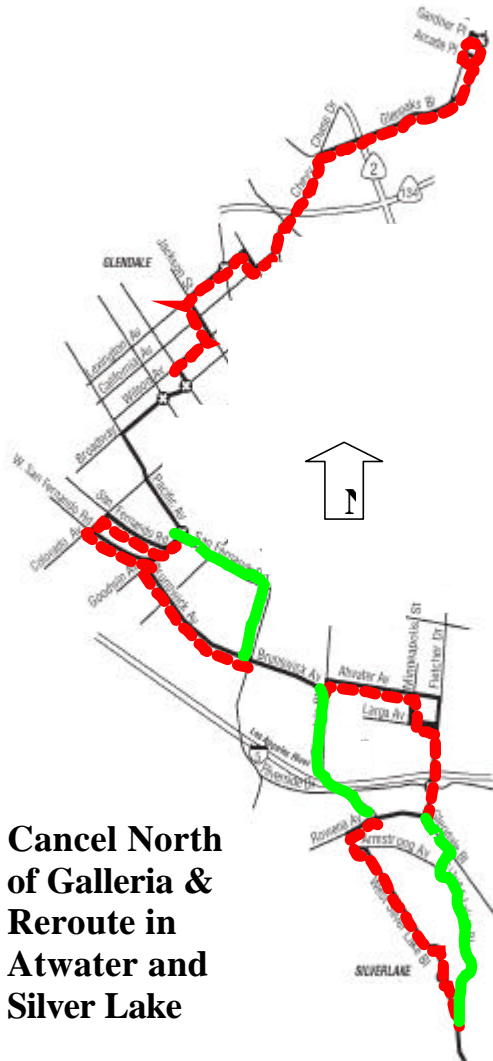
Cancel East of Rosemead Bl.

Line 258-259



Cancel Line 259 Branch

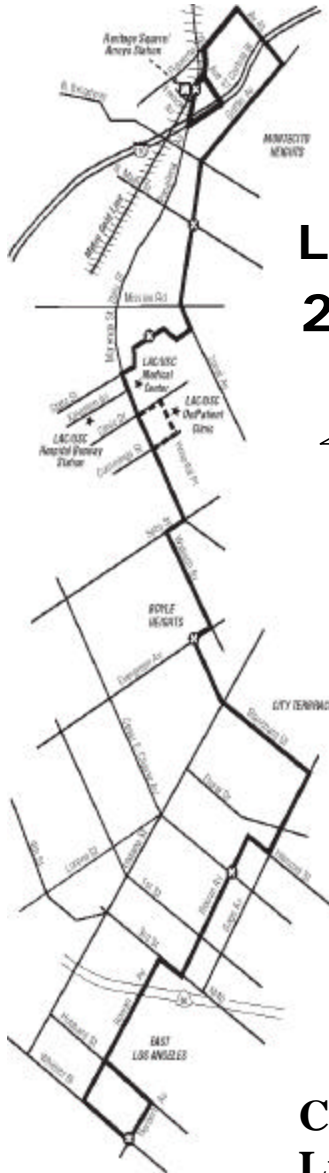
Line 201



Cancel North of Galleria & Reroute in Atwater and Silver Lake

Agenda Item 7
Establish August 2005 Public Hearing

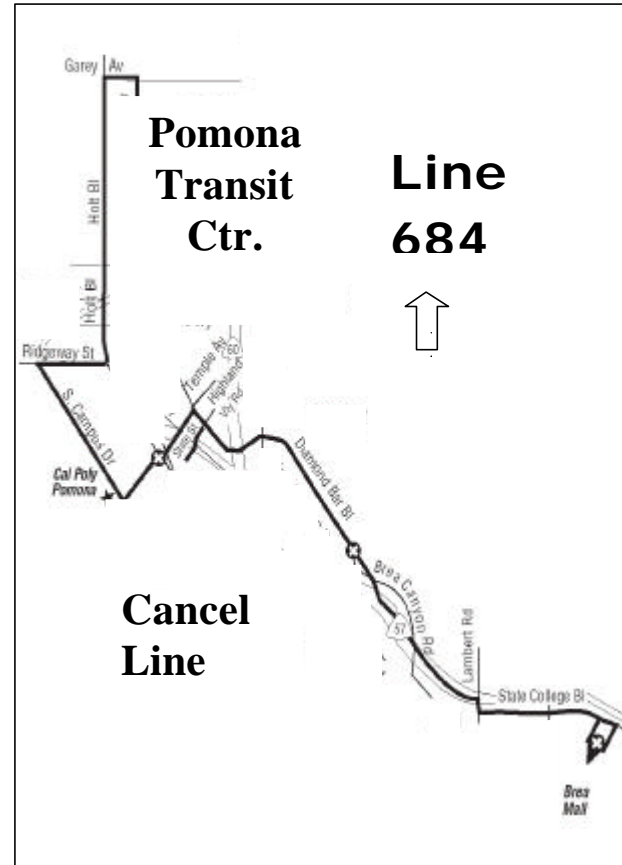
Line 255



Cancel Line

Pomona Transit Ctr.

Line 684



Cancel Line