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**METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL  
July 7, 2005**

**SUBJECT: DECEMBER 2005 SERVICE CHANGE PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING**

**ACTION: SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED DECEMBER 2005 SERVICE CHANGES AND AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- A. Schedule Thursday, August 11, 2005 at 6:00pm as the hearing date and time to receive public comment on the following service change program.
- [Line 4-304 route and service modifications](#)
  - [Line 20-21 route and service modifications](#)
  - [Line 30 service modification](#)
  - [Line 33-333 route modification](#)
  - [Line 68 route and service modifications](#)
  - [Line 220 route discontinuation](#)
  - [Line 434 route and service modifications](#)
  - [Line 717 route modification](#)
  - [Line 720 route modification](#)
- B. Authorize publication of the [Notice of Public Hearing \(Attachment A\)](#).

**BACKGROUND**

In compliance with federal public hearing requirements and adopted MTA policy, the Governance Council is required to conduct a public hearing and consider public testimony before approving significant modifications to the bus system. As part of this process, the Governance Council is also required to consider potential impacts these changes may have on the community.

The changes are proposed to improve the efficiency of bus operations within the sector, and to ensure a balanced budget for next fiscal year. In an effort to move forward with projects that will improve service quality and increase operating efficiencies, staff proposes to initiate the service changes contained in the public hearing program as early as December 18, 2005. The changes proposed are part of a broader service improvement program based on improving travel times, reducing service duplication, and eliminating non-productive services. The proposed

Westside/Central changes are consistent with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) Metro Connections Program. The Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A) gives the time, date, and location of the public hearing and a brief summary of the changes under consideration.

### **SUMMARY OF STAFF PROPOSALS**

The proposed Westside/Central service plan includes modifications to nine routes. Following is a brief description of the individual proposals.

Route 4-304 (Santa Monica Blvd.) Shorten service from 2<sup>nd</sup>/Santa Monica Blvd. to Santa Monica/Sepulveda Blvds. due to service duplication with Santa Monica Line 1.

Route 20-21 (Wilshire Blvd. – UCLA – Santa Monica): Shorten service from Main St./Pico Blvd. to Wilshire Blvd./Westwood Blvd. due to duplication with Santa Monica Line 2. Discontinue service to UCLA due to duplication with Santa Monica Line 1, 2,3, 8, 12, Super 12, and Culver City Line 6.

Route 30 (Pico Blvd. – E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. – Floral Dr.): Implement new limited stop service between Pico/Arlington Blvds. and 1st/Soto Sts.

Route 33-333 (Venice Blvd): Modify turning movements between Pico/Ocean Blvds. and 2<sup>nd</sup> St./Santa Monica Blvd.

Route 68 (W. Washington Blvd. – Chavez Ave.): Implement new limited stop service between Washington Blvd./La Brea Ave. and Cesar Chavez/Rowan Aves. Shorten service from Montebello Town Center to Cesar Chavez/Atlantic Aves.

Route 220 (Robertson Blvd. – Culver Blvd. – LAX): Discontinue service due to low ridership.

Route 434 (LA-Santa Monica-Malibu-Trancas Express): Remove service between Union Station and West L.A. Transit Center due to duplication of service. Discontinue midday service between West L.A. Transit Center and 2<sup>nd</sup> St./Santa Monica Blvd. Restructure service segment in West L.A. Transit Center area to connect with service on Venice Blvd.

Route 717 (Fairfax Rapid): Review to determine if extension of existing Hollywood/Pasadena line should be implemented.

Route 720 (Wilshire - Whittier Metro Rapid): Restructure service to establish a Wilshire Metro Rapid and a Whittier Metro Rapid service connected by the Red Line. Discontinue service between Wilshire/Vermont Red Line Station and 6<sup>th</sup>/Alameda Sts. Service from Wilshire/Vermont Station to Santa Monica will remain as Line 720(Wilshire Rapid.) Establish new Line 718(Whittier Metro Rapid) from Commerce or Montebello to Union Station or 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> at Hope Sts.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Following the public hearing, staff will return to the Governance Council with a report summarizing all public comments received along with specific staff recommendations.

Attachment A: Notice of Public Hearing

Attachment B: Metro Westside/Central Maps

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