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SUBJECT: PROPOSED BUS SERVICE CHANGES AND PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE

ISSUE

In preparation for December 2005 service changes, four Metro Service Sectors will hold public hearings the week of August 8, 2005 to review proposed bus service changes. The Board Secretary intends to publish the public hearing notice in the Los Angeles Times on Sunday, July 10. The notice will also appear widely in other newspapers, including sub-regional newspapers, community publications, and foreign language newspapers.

The public hearing notice is attached for your information (Attachment A). The hearing notice describes the proposed service changes by sector and lists the dates, times, and locations of the hearings.

BACKGROUND

Metro makes major service changes twice a year, usually in June and December. Both the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the MTA Board of Directors require that major service changes be reviewed in a public process prior to implementation. There are specific requirements that Metro must meet, including notification to the public at least 30 days in advance of public hearings. Putting the notice in the July 10 Los Angeles Times ensures that we publish in the newspaper with the widest circulation. The public hearings will also be advertised in the ongoing media programs and on our website.

In addition to providing notice of the public hearings where customers can make comments about the proposed service changes, Metro will receive public comment by email, letter, or by FAX. The Service Sectors will compile all public comments and summarize them for the Governance Councils, including staff responses to the comments.

NEXT STEPS

After publication in the LA Times and other newspapers, the public comment period will begin. Comments will be received through August 12, 2005.

Based on the results of the hearings and the public comments received, staff will make recommendations to the Governance Councils. The Councils are expected to take actions on the recommended service changes at their September meetings. Service changes if approved will be effective December 18, 2005.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Public Hearing Notice

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will hold four public hearings in August 2005 to receive community input on proposed modifications to bus services. Approved changes will become effective December 18, 2005 or later. Details of the hearing dates, times, and locations are listed at the end of this notice.

The upcoming public hearings will be held in conformance with federal public hearing requirements outlined in Section 5307 (d) 1 of Title 49 U.S.C., and public hearing guidelines adopted by the MTA's Board of Directors in 1993, as amended.

The Metro Service Sectors operating bus service in each region will host the public hearings. Listed below by geographical region are service change proposals to be considered at the public hearings. In general, service modifications if implemented will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the public transportation system through better use of resources.

METRO GATEWAY CITIES

LINE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
26	7 TH St. – Virgil Av. – Franklin Av.	Relocate west terminal to Sunset Metro Red Line Station. Truncate route segment on Argyle-Franklin-Hillhurst due to duplication with DASH.
60	Long Beach Bl. – Santa Fe Av.	Reroute line to the Artesia Metro Blue Line Station. Service on Long Beach Bl. south of Artesia Bl. replaced by Long Beach Transit except for Owl Service when Line 60 will continue to operate to downtown Long Beach
65	Washington Bl. - Indiana St. - Gage Av.	Shorten Washington Bl. segment of route due to duplication with Montebello Line 50. Establish new western terminal at or near Soto and Olympic.
102	E. Jefferson Bl.-Coliseum St.	Extend line westward to West Los Angeles Transit Center. Relocate eastern terminal in Huntington Park to Palm and Seville. Shorten existing route east of Hooper St. due to duplication and low ridership. Operate 30-minute peak hour service and hourly at other times.

110	Gage Av.-Centinela Av.-Fox Hills Mall	Extend line to Pico Rivera Towne Center via Gage Av., Slauson Bl., Paramount Bl. Service on Foster Bridge, Scout Av. and Florence Pl. discontinued (also see western extension in South Bay)
125	Rosecrans Av.	Operate new route to the I-605 Norwalk Green Line Station via Woodruff Av. and Imperial Hwy. Discontinue the current freeway route to the rail station.
127	Compton Bl. – Bellflower Bl.	Reroute to Cerritos Mall. New generators include Mall, Cerritos College and Bellflower High School. Discontinue service along Bellflower Bl. to City of Downey.
254	Willowbrook-Huntington Park-Lorena St-City Terrace	Restructure line to improve low productivity and reduce service duplication. Portions of Line 254 between Boyle Heights and Huntington Park to be retained or may be combined with Line 605.
258	Arizona Ave-Alhambra Branch	Extend line along Garfield Av. from Firestone Bl. to Alondra Bl. Fills existing service void and connects with Long Beach Transit and Montebello Bus Lines.
265	Paramount Blvd-Pico Rivera	Extend line to Montebello Town Center.
266	Lakewood Blvd-Rosemead Blvd	Consider additional service during weekday peak hours.
275	Pico Rivera-Whittier-Cerritos	Establish northern terminal at Whittier Depot. Service north of Depot replaced by Line 270 and/or Montebello Line 40. Consider 30-minute peak hour headways on weekdays.
362	Telegraph Rd-Pioneer Blvd-Limited	Consider operating 15" frequency during weekday peak hours. Renumber as new Line 62.
460	Los Angeles-Norwalk-Disneyland Express	Consider schedule reductions to midday service seven days a week between I-605 Station and downtown Los Angeles
577	I-605 Station-El Monte Station Express	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.
605	Grande Vista Ave-USC Hospital Shuttle	Extend route to Walnut Park-Huntington Park areas via Grande Vista Av., Vernon Av., State St-Boyle Av., Florence Av., Santa Ana St, Nadeau St to Firestone Station.
612	Huntington Park-South Gate-Lynwood-Watts Loop	Restructure line in conjunction with Line 681 change. Service to Florence Station replaced by Line 611.

622	I-105 Nightline Shuttle	Consider making permanent I-105 Nightline Shuttle implemented June 26, 2005 on an experimental basis.
681	Huntington Park-Watts via Seville Ave	Cancel line due to excessive duplication. Replacement service provided by restructured Line 612 and other MTA services in area.
711	Florence Rapid	Extend line from Bell Gardens to Norwalk I-605 Station via Florence Av., Studebaker Rd. (also see western extension to LAX in South Bay)
760	Long Beach Rapid	Operate new Rapid Bus line between downtown Los Angeles and the Artesia Metro Blue Line Station. Service would operate along the route served by Line 60.

METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

LINE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
70-370	Garvey Av.	Improve service levels and add time into schedule
76-376	Valley Bl.	Improve service levels and add time into schedule
81-381	Figueroa St.	Improve service levels and add time into schedule
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 on remaining route segment between Pasadena and JPL
180-181	Pasadena-Glendale-Hollywood	Improve service levels and add time into schedule
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 straighten route, 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 segment between Alhambra and El Sereno due to low ridership and service duplication, and increase service levels on Line 258. Also consider extending the route of Line 258 south from its present terminal at Garfield & Firestone to Garfield & Alondra.

260-361	Atlantic Bl.-Fair Oaks Bl.	Improve service levels and add time into schedule
484	Pomona-El Monte Sta.-LA	Improve service levels and add time into schedule
490	Pomona-Baldwin Park-LA	Improve service levels and add time into schedule

METRO SOUTH BAY

LINE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
110	Gage Av. – Centinela Av. – Fox Hills Mall	Evaluate weekday extension to Playa Vista, consider extending weekend service (also see eastern extension in Gateway Cities).
439	LA – LAX – Redondo Beach Express	Cancel service south of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Transit Center due to low ridership.
442	LA – Manchester Ave. – Hawthorne Blvd. Express	Discontinue route due to low ridership.
444	LA – W. Torrance – Rolling Hills – Rancho Palos Verdes Express	Consider more short-line operations between Palos Verdes and the Artesia Transit Center; implement limited stop service on Hawthorne Bl. between Pacific Coast Highway and Artesia Bl.
446-447	LA – Carson – Wilmington – San Pedro Express	Consider more short-line operations between San Pedro and the Artesia Transit Center.
450X	Artesia Transit Center – 7 th /Metro Express	Evaluate performance, approve permanent operation, and set appropriate service levels.
710	Crenshaw Rapid	Implement new Saturday service
711	Florence Rapid	Reaffirm extension to LAX Transit Center via Century Bl. (also see eastern extension in Gateway Cities).
754	Vermont Rapid	Assign 60' buses and reschedule service with wider headways to reflect larger-capacity buses.
757	Western Rapid	Implement new Rapid service on Western Av. with 60' larger-capacity buses.

METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL

LINE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
4-304	Santa Monica Blvd.	Shorten service from 2 nd St./Santa Monica Bl. to Santa Monica/Sepulveda Bls. due to service duplication with Santa Monica.
20-21	Wilshire Blvd. – UCLA	Shorten service from Main St. /Pico Bl. to Wilshire/Westwood Bls. due to service duplication with Santa Monica. Remove service to UCLA due to service duplication with Santa Monica and Culver City.

30	Pico Blvd. – E. 1 st St. – Floral Dr.	Implement weekday limited stop service between Pico/Arlington Bls. and 1 st /Soto Sts.
33-333	Venice Blvd.	Modify turning movements between Pico/Ocean Bls. and 2 nd St./Santa Monica Bl.
68	W. Washington Blvd. – Chavez Ave.	Implement weekday peak-hour limited stop service between Washington Bl./La Brea Av. and Cesar Chavez/Rowan Avs. Shorten service from Montebello Town Center to Cesar Chavez/Atlantic Bl. due to service duplication with Monterey Park and Montebello.
220	Robertson Blvd. – Culver Blvd. – LAX	Discontinue route due to low ridership.
434	LA-Santa Monica-Malibu-Trancas Express	Remove service between Union Station and West L.A. Transit Center due to service duplication. Discontinue midday service between West L.A. Transit Center and Santa Monica. Restructure route in West L.A. Transit Center area to connect with Line 33/333.
717	Fairfax Rapid	Review to determine if extension of existing Hollywood/Pasadena line should be implemented
720	Wilshire - Whittier Metro Rapid	Restructure service to establish two Metro Rapid services connected by the Red Line.

LOCATIONS AND DATES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SERVICE SECTOR

August 9, 2005 6 PM
SGV Sector Office
3369 Santa Anita Av.
El Monte, CA 91731

SOUTH BAY SERVICE SECTOR

August 10, 2005 6 PM to 8 PM
Arthur Winston Division
5425 Van Ness Av.
Los Angeles, CA 90043

WESTSIDE/CENTRAL SERVICE SECTOR

August 11, 2005 6 PM
La Cienega Tennis Center
325 S. La Cienega Bl.
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

GATEWAY CITIES SERVICE SECTOR

August 11, 2005 5 PM
The Gas Company
9240 Firestone Bl.
Downey, CA 90241

Additional details about these proposals will be available for public review after July 25, 2005. To obtain this information contact the address listed below, or visit your nearest Metro customer relations center. Information can also be accessed at: www.metro.net

These proposals may be approved in whole or in part at a date following the public hearings. Approved changes may also include other alternatives derived from public comment. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the upcoming hearings and provide testimony on any service change proposal (public comments will not be restricted to

just the bus routes operating in one geographical area). All public comment received will be forwarded to the responsible Sector Governance Council to be considered prior to taking action on the service change proposals. Persons unable to attend the hearings may submit written testimony postmarked through August 12, 2005. All written testimony should be addressed to:

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Attn: FY 2006 Service Changes
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Comments can also be sent via email with FY 2006 Service Changes as the Subject
e-mail to: customerrelations@mta.net
Facsimile at: 213-922-9594

Upon request, foreign language translation, sign language interpretation, materials in alternative formats and other accommodations are available to the public for MTA-sponsored meetings and events. All requests for reasonable accommodations must be made at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled meeting date. Please telephone (213) 922-4600 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday