

STATUS ON BUS SERVICE RESTRUCTURING EFFORT

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BACKGROUND

- **Fall 2003 Metro and Region's service providers initiated countywide effort to develop long term strategy for provision of bus service**
- **Comprehensive restructuring of bus service last undertaken in 1980**
- **Incremental changes have not addressed changes in the region and resulting transit needs**



SERVICE CONCEPT

- Intent of restructuring effort is to move the region's downtown LA focused grid system to a hybrid grid and center – based system
- More effectively utilize and integrate the varied strengths of region's 80 plus service providers
- Improve transit speed and reliability by using a network of community transit centers connected by major travel corridors

FOUR-PHASED BUS SERVICE RESTRUCTURING PLAN

1. Needs Assessment – *Completed January 2004*

- Focus on identifying current and future transit service needs through outreach to the region's many stakeholders.

2. Development of Alternative Strategies – *Completed May 2005*

- Identification of community transit centers and travel corridors based on current & future information analysis.
- Utilization of the resulting technical information to develop Regional Service Plan for Phase 3.

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3. Identify Detailed Implementation Plans – *In Progress*

- Establish the basic route structure connecting the regional and sub-regional centers.
- Service network parameters are:
 - Improve travel speeds
 - Utilize resources more effectively
 - Use market development capabilities for new service types
 - Modify service within Downtown L.A.
 - Maintain Consent Decree compliance
 - Identify needed speed & reliability improvements

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- 4. Service Implementation** – Schedule first phase of restructured service for December 2006
- Two demonstration projects include Line 450x from Artesia Transit Center to Downtown L.A. and Line 577 from El Monte to Norwalk to Long Beach

NEXT STEPS

Return to the Board in early 2006 with proposed regional service plan along with related Capital, Funding and Management strategies for review and comment

