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METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
December 13, 2006

SUBJECT: JUNE 2007 SERVICE CHANGE PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

ACTION: AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize publication of the Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND

On November 8, 2006 the Westside/Central Service Sector Governance Council met and established the public hearing date, February 14, 2007 at 5:00pm, to receive public comment.

A Notice of Public Hearing is scheduled for publication on Sunday, January 7, 2007. Service changes will be considered on the following lines and routes.

- Route 304 (Santa Monica Blvd.)
- Route 11 (Vermont Ave. – Beverly Blvd.)
- Line 16-316 (W. 3rd St.)
- Line 20-21 (Wilshire Blvd. – UCLA)
- Line 704 (Santa Monica Rapid)
- Line 720 (Wilshire - Whittier Rapid)

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 June 25, 2007. The proposed Westside/Central changes are consistent with the Los Angeles Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) Metro Connections Program. The changes proposed are part of a broader service improvement program designed to improve travel times, simplify routes, reduce service duplication and eliminate non-productive services.

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 five routes, implementation of one new Rapid service and one Rapid Express service. Following is a brief description of the individual proposals.

Route 304 (Santa Monica Blvd.): Replace Route 304 with Rapid 704 service.

Routes 10-11 (Melrose Ave - Virgil Ave.- Vermont Ave. - Temple St.): Consolidate routes 10 and 11 to simplify service. Operate all trips as Route 10 via Hoover and Clinton Sts.

Line 16-316 (W. 3rd St.): Extend limited stop service area to La Brea. Shorten service at 6th St. and Maple Ave.

Line 20-21 (Wilshire Blvd. - UCLA - Santa Monica): Shorten route 20 service at Wilshire Blvd. and Veteran Ave. Discontinue route 21 to simplify service, improve efficiency, and eliminate duplication of service. Operate all trips as Route 20.

Line 704 (Santa Monica Rapid): Implement new Rapid service on Santa Monica Blvd.

Line 720 (Wilshire - Whittier Rapid): Implement short turns in Downtown Los Angeles and Westwood. Implement Rapid Express service from Wilshire Blvd. and Vermont Ave. to Santa Monica.

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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